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## NAVY YARD RAMPAGE

### Gunman fooled his VA doctors

By KEVIN FREKING  
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The gunman who killed 12 people in last year's rampage at Washington's Navy Yard lied so convincingly to Veterans Affairs doctors before the shootings that they concluded he had no mental health issues despite serious problems and encounters with police during the same period, according to a review by The Associated Press of his confidential medical files.

Just weeks before the shootings, a doctor treating him for insomnia noted that the patient worked for the Defense Department but wrote hauntingly "no problem there."

The AP obtained more than 100 pages of treatment and disability claims evaluation records for Aaron Alexis, spanning more than two years. They show Alexis complaining of minor physical ailments, including foot and knee injuries, slight hearing loss and later insomnia, but resolutely denying any mental health issues. He directly denied having suicidal or homicidal thoughts when government doctors asked him about it just three weeks before the shootings.

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FBI/AP

A doctor treating Aaron Alexis, above, who killed 12 people in last year's Navy Yard shootings, noted before the rampage "no problem there," concerning Alexis' job.



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## Toxic on top

Pentagon investigations point to system  
that promotes abusive leaders

By CRAIG WHITLOCK  
*The Washington Post*

There are miserable bosses, and then there are toxic military commanders.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Stephen Schmidt was unquestionably among the latter in the view of some staff members under his thumb. A profane screamer, he ran through six executive officers and aides-de-camp in a year. He retired last month after an Air Force inquiry concluded that he was "cruel and oppressive" and

mistreated subordinates.

More than a dozen people who worked with Brig. Gen. Scott "Rock" Donahue, a retired commander with the Army Corps of Engineers, reported him as a verbally abusive taskmaster. One was so desperate to escape from division headquarters in San Francisco that he asked for a transfer to Iraq. An Army investigation cited the general for "exhibiting paranoia" and making officers cry.

Troops who served under Army Brig. Gen. Eugene Mascolo of the Connecticut National Guard described him as "dictatorial," "unglued" and a master of

"profanity-fused outbursts." An Army investigation found widespread evidence of "verbal mistreatment." He received a written reprimand but remains in the National Guard.

U.S. military commanders are not trained to be soft or touchy-feely. But during the past two years, the Pentagon has been forced to conduct a striking number of inspector-general investigations of generals and admirals accused of emotionally brutal behavior, according to military documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Russians clearly drink a lot, but it's this pattern of getting really smashed on vodka and then continuing to drink that is dangerous."

— Sir Richard Peto, of Oxford University, commenting on a study that found that Russian men who down large amounts of vodka have a high risk of an early death

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# MILITARY

# Expert panel finds for commanders

Group says service chiefs should be able to convene courts-martial in sexual assault cases

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — A group of experts tasked with finding ways to curb sexual assaults in the military said commanders should not be stripped of their ability to launch courts-martial in sexual assault cases.

The independent Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault Crimes Panel was mandated by Congress and set up by the Defense Department in the wake of alarming statistics released by DOD in recent years which shed light on what the Pentagon calls a sexual assault "epidemic" within the armed forces.

These revelations unleashed bipartisan criticism of the way the military was handling the sexual assault problem. In December, Congress passed a law that made changes to the military judicial system when it comes to sexual assault cases, including stripping commanders of their ability to overturn jury convictions, and requiring civilian review of cases if a commander declines to prosecute.

Some have called for additional measures, and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., has led an effort to remove commanders from the court-martial process. That proposal has drawn opposition from the service chiefs and prominent members of the armed services committees, who believe officers should play a key role in the battle to curb sexual assaults by taking aggressive measures to investigate and punish sex offenders within the ranks.

An interim report by the Response Systems panel's subcommittee agrees with those who are opposed to the idea.

"Based on all information considered to this point, a strong majority of subcommittee members agrees the evidence does not support a conclusion that removing authority to convene courts-martial from senior commanders will reduce the incidence of sexual assault or increase reporting of sexual assaults in the Armed Forces," according to a Jan. 29 memo issued by Barbara Jones, the chair of the panel's Role of the Commander Subcommittee,

which was attached to the report. "Nor does the evidence indicate it will improve the quality of investigations and prosecutions or increase the conviction rates in these cases.

"Further the evidence does not support a conclusion that removing such authority will increase confidence among victims of sexual assault about the fairness of the military justice system or reduce their concerns about possible reprisal for making reports of sexual assaults."

The subcommittee reached these conclusions based on congressional testimony, government reports and statistical data and discussions with current and former military commanders, military and civilian justice professionals, DOD officials, sexual

assault victims, victims' support organizations and academics, according to the subcommittee.

A prominent sexual assault victims' advocacy group slammed the panel's findings.

"The idea that anyone can argue that the status quo — leaving commanders responsible for what they have for so long promised and failed to accomplish for decades — [is acceptable] is ridiculous," according to a news release issued by Protect Our Defenders.

"Commanders are inherently conflicted. If something bad happens on their watch, they are blamed for it. It is well understood that they have a bias in favor of perpetrators who are generally higher ranked than their victims. ... This panel has so far decided to stand with the status quo and the hollow Pentagon promises of 'zero tolerance.'"

Elizabeth Hillman, a law professor at the University of California, was the lone dissenter on the subcommittee.

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# Navy yard: Doctor determined shooter was 'clear and focused'

FROM FRONT PAGE

In a bizarre incident in Newport, R.I., Alexis told police on Aug. 7 that disembodied voices were harassing him at his hotel using a microwave machine to prevent him from sleeping. After police reported the incident to the Navy, his employer, a defense contracting company, pulled his access to classified material for two days after his mental health problems became evident, but restored it quickly and never told Navy officials it had done so.

Just 16 days later, after Alexis, 34, told an emergency room doctor that he couldn't sleep, the doctor wrote that his speech and thoughts seemed "clear and focused" and noted that he "denies flashbacks, denies recent stress. "He works in the Defense Department, no problem there," the doctor added.

Alexis, a defense contractor and former Navy reservist, went on a deadly shooting rampage at the Navy Yard on Sept. 16, spraying bullets in a hallway and firing on workers from a balcony. He died in a gunbattle with police.

He had purchased the shotgun that he used two days before the shooting from a gun shop in Virginia. Alexis had been involved in at least two earlier shooting-related incidents — in 2004 when he was arrested in Seattle and charged with malicious mischief for shooting the tires on a construction worker's vehicle, and in 2010 when he was arrested in Fort Worth, Texas, for firing a rifle into a neighbor's apartment.

No charges were filed in those two cases, but it was not immediately clear whether Alexis was answering honestly on Aug. 23 when he was asked whether he

still had any weapons. The FBI told the AP it found no weapons when it searched the hotel where Alexis had been staying after the shootings.

Before the Navy Yard shootings, Alexis left behind a note that FBI agents recovered saying he had been targeted by ultralow frequency radio waves for the previous three months — the period that covered his visits to the VA medical facilities when he denied he was experiencing any stress or violent thoughts.

Sidney Matthew, a lawyer representing the family of one of the shooting victims, told the AP it's possible that Alexis was evasive with his doctors, but he expressed skepticism that physicians adequately questioned Alexis about why he wasn't sleeping.

Matthew noted that Alexis aggressively confronted a family at

Norfolk (Va.) International Airport on Aug. 4, just days before an encounter with police on Aug. 7 that was so bizarre that police contacted the Navy about their concerns. Alexis' family also had concerns about his mental health during the period.

The AP obtained 114 pages of Alexis' medical records under the Freedom of Information Act after requesting them a few weeks after the shootings. It is unusual for the government to disclose anyone's medical files, but the Veterans Affairs Department agreed that the public interest in the mass killing outweighed Alexis' privacy rights in keeping his treatment records secret after his death.

In the records the AP obtained, the government withheld the names of all the doctors and others who treated Alexis to protect their privacy.

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A tied-arch suspension bridge is moved in the early morning hours Friday toward its permanent location.

## Bridge moved to give Navy base in Bahrain easy access to waterfront

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MANAMA, Bahrain — A tied-arch suspension bridge to connect Naval Support Activity Bahrain to expansion land along the waterfront was installed Friday after it was moved overnight roughly 260 yards from the site where it was built.

The 2,860-ton bridge will provide easy access between the main base and 77 acres of leased land — known as NSA-2 — the U.S. Navy is developing across one of Bahrain's busiest roadways. Without the bridge, access to NSA-2 from the main base involves a 20- to 30-minute drive through the city. Navy officials claim the \$8 million bridge will result in a 10 percent reduction in the Navy's vehicle fleet in Bahrain, saving more than \$500,000 annually, and will also make it possible for emergency vehicles, pedestrians and electric cars to quickly move between facilities.

Naval Support Activity Bahrain, home to the U.S. 5th Fleet, has about 7,000 U.S. personnel and is growing. The bridge is considered an important milestone in the growth of the base, which now occupies 137 acres. A vehicle maintenance facility, warehouse, dining facility and barracks to

house about 1,000 sailors are under construction on NSA-2, which officials say will be more of a planned complex. The Navy plans to bring two more coastal patrol ships to Bahrain in the spring, and has a long-term plan to port littoral combat ships here.

It was a first for many to see an approximately 400-foot-long bridge essentially driven to its final destination, instead of being built in its intended spot, as bridges usually are.

"Never in my life have I seen anything like this," said Almagir Hossain, a Bahrain resident who came out at midnight to watch the bridge move.

The project was initiated in August 2012; Army Corps of Engineers officials say this kind of bridge project is the first of its kind in the Middle East District's history.

Officials say if they had opted to construct the bridge on location, it could have affected Bahrain's economy by disrupting traffic on one of the busiest roadways in the country for months.

"We want to have a minimal impact on Bahrain and businesses," said Jennifer Stride, Naval Support Activity Bahrain spokeswoman. By building the bridge in open space of land alongside the road and moving it into place

Watch a time-lapse video of the Bahrain bridge move at [stars.com/go/bahrainbridge](http://stars.com/go/bahrainbridge)



using self-propelled modular trailers, traffic was disrupted for one night only.

However, the move did not go as smoothly as engineers had expected. It was plagued by a series of issues causing substantial delays that threatened to break a limited seven-hour window when officials could shut down the roadway — a major corridor on the island nation that many consider Bahrain's version of the Washington, D.C., Beltway.

"We had a number of mechanical breakdowns that we basically had to work around," said Mark Wittrock, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project leader. As workers raced against the clock to install the bridge and reopen the road by 6 a.m., Bahrain's Ministry of Works gave the U.S. Navy additional time to complete the move — which it did by midmorning Friday.

It was a long time coming and I'm glad to see it," commented Wittrock as the bridge neared its final destination.

The bridge is scheduled to open in August.

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## Evangelical marriage video dropped by AF

Ark. base cancels 'Wingman Day' course over heterosexual, religious bias concerns

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WASHINGTON — Spurred by protests, commanders at Little Rock Air Force Base have dumped a video marriage-enhancement course, saying the program by an Evangelical Christian group focused only on heterosexual marriage at a time when the military is moving to accept same-sex marriage as well.

The video series, "The Art of Marriage," was scheduled for Feb. 7 at the Arkansas base's annual Wingman Day. The Air Force Wingman Program and others similar to it, including the Army's Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Program, are mandatory and designed to promote psychological and physical wellness and teach troops how to look for signs of suicide risk and other problems.

But the spiritual aspect of those wellness programs — which the services say is non denominational — has drawn complaints from servicemembers who say it allows commanders to promote specific religious viewpoints, particularly those of Evangelicals and conservative Christians.

The change was prompted by complaints from at least one airman to the chain of command, as well as an intervention by Mike Weinstein, president of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation and a crusader against what he characterizes as undue influence on the military by conservative Christian groups.

Weinstein dismissed the Air Force's explanation, saying officials were trying to make a "tar baby" of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered troops.

"They're saying, 'Look, they made us do it,'" he said. "They really did this because it would have been illegal for them to force people to watch that video."

A spokeswoman for the Arkansas base said cancellation was not because the program was produced by an Evangelical group, but because its target audience was too narrow.

"We wanted to make sure it was inclusive of all relationships, to include same-sex relationships," said 2nd Lt. Amanda Porter.

Company officials from FamilyLife, a Christian nonprofit organization headquartered in Little Rock that produced the video, would not comment, saying the decision was the Air Force's alone. In an emailed statement, the organization added that more than 400,000 people have seen the video program since it began in 2011.

The business arrangement between the Air Force and FamilyLife could not be learned by print deadline.

As a replacement, a base chaplain will teach a "faith-based" but non denominational marriage seminar that covers heterosexual and same-sex relationships, she said. Another non denominational religious program in the Wingman Day lineup, Prayer 101, will still be offered.

Porter also said that in response to complaints that there were no non religious programs offered as part of Wingman Day's spiritual component, commanders had reclassified several programs, including one on nature appreciation.

Commanders were glad airman spoke up about their concerns, she said.

Even when there were only Christian options, airman felt "pressure" to attend the spiritually focused events and were told attendance would be tracked, said an airman at Little Rock who contacted Weinstein to seek representation.

"There were no alternatives, no others," the airman said. "Basically it seemed like they were saying if you want to have a healthy marriage, you have to be a Christian of a certain sort."

Weinstein said 25 aggrieved airman got in touch with them, alerting them to their concerns. He followed up with calls to the base and to officials at the Pentagon to charge that the situation violated troops' religious freedom as well as Pentagon policies against proselytization.

"I think that the Air Force did the right thing and fixed this," he said. "It's bad that we had to hold a gun to their head in order to get them to do it."

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## Records workers dumped, destroyed or lost 1,800 veterans documents

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Paid for speed in handling documents pulled from 100 million federal employee records, two workers at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis have admitted dumping, destroying or misfiling at least 1,800 of them, court records show.

Among them are 241 documents found in 2012, discarded in woods near the center. There were 300 names and Social Security numbers visible on them.

Both former employees have pleaded guilty to a federal misdemeanor charge. Civil court records show that five other workers had "disproportionate percentages" of missing documents but

were not prosecuted. It isn't clear how many records might be missing altogether.

U.S. Attorney Richard Callahan emphasized Thursday that an audit determined only one veteran was known to be affected, and the document at issue was re-created. Many veterans whose files were affected are dead, he said.

Callahan said employees were compensated by the number of records they filed.

One of the ex-employees, Lonnie Halkanton, 28, was sentenced Thursday to two years of probation and ordered to perform 40 hours of community service. The other, Stanley Engram, 21, is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 7. Both plead-

ed guilty of destruction of government records. Federal guidelines call for a sentence from probation to six months behind bars.

Court documents show that the files in the woods were traced to Engram, who admitted disposing of them, "abandoning" others in the center and throwing some away at home.



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U.S. Navy Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Anna Schnatzmeyer, left, and Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Danielle Hinchliff, both of Coastal Riverine Squadron 2, carry a dummy during a U.S. Navy Riverine Crewman Course at Camp Lejeune, N.C., in August.

## Advocates call for better practices to integrate women into combat positions

By C.J. LIN  
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WASHINGTON — A year after the Pentagon opened combat jobs to female service members, push for integrating women into these jobs remain problematic, women's advocates said this week.

The Marine Corps and the Army, which have the largest number of military occupational specialties still closed to women, have, according to critics, unclear and inconsistent approaches to integrating women fully into the forces by January 2016, the deadline set by former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta.

The Marines have made little progress in integrating women into jobs they already qualify for, and the purpose of a proposed physical screening test is questionable since it focuses on strength-based measures and not skills actually needed for the work, according to Greg Jacob, a former Marine and policy director of the Service Women's Action Network.

The Marines' plan calls for testing women to see if they can deadlift 135 pounds, bench 115 pounds, carry 95 pounds for 50 meters while wearing full combat gear, load a 120mm tank round and scale a 7-foot wall. But these skills might not be needed, Jacob said.

"It's not looking at the jobs," Jacob said at a Wednesday briefing on Capitol Hill. "If you want a job in the artillery, you have to pick up the artillery shell and shove it into the breach of the gun. Is this proxy test going to evaluate that? We don't know... It's a plan but you're not really sure what it's explaining or what it's doing."

Jacob also questioned whether the current standards are gender-neutral. "They're taking the standards that the men are training to and inviting the women to participate," Jacob said. "And then if the women can pass the standard and the men can pass the standard, does that mean it's gender-neutral because both genders can pass it? The problem that women are encountering is... they're not even able to get into the school to confront these quasi-neutral standards that I would consider male standards."

To date, 10 women have volunteered for the Marines' rigorous Infantry Officer Course as part of research on whether or not to keep all-male units closed to women. None have passed.

The opening of the course to female Marines is all part of the research for integrating women, said Capt. Maureen Krebs, a Marine spokeswoman.

"We are using the time afforded to the Marine Corps by the Secretary of Defense in order to take a systematic approach to integrating women into combat arms specialties by research, assessment and validation of current occupational standards," Krebs said. "We want to set every Marine up for success."

The Marines have opened 21 battalions, including artillery, tanks and engineers to female officers and placed NCOs into jobs they could not previously serve in before, according to Krebs.

Since 2012, the Marines have also placed more than 40 female officers and senior NCOs in those battalions to serve as mentors for female Marines who might be assigned there in the future, Krebs said.

"What matters is whether or not the Marine can get the job done," Krebs said. "If a Marine can get the job done and meet the physical standards required of that job, regardless of gender, they should be allowed the opportunity to realize his or her potential."

Meanwhile, while the Army last month announced the opening of 33,000 jobs to women in 132 military occupational specialties, allowing women in specialties in which they have long served to do so in direct ground combat units below brigade level. Those positions include medic, Black Hawk pilot, geospatial engineer and paralegal specialist.

"This will allow more flexibility in determining how we get assigned to a position," Col. Linda Sheimo, head of the command programs and policy division for the Army deputy chief of staff for personnel, told Stars and Stripes last week. "The focus of the Army implementation plan is to

have the best soldier in our Army, and we are on track to accomplish that."

However, Ranger School still remains closed to women even though the program is not solely for infantry soldiers, said Army Reserve Col. Ellen Haring of the Combat Integration Initiative with Women in International Security.

"Soldiers from all branches attend Ranger School," said Haring, a member of Wednesday's panel. "Continuing to exclude women from accessing this elite leadership school makes it appear that the Army is not confident in women's leadership or combat service potential."

The critics, which included veterans and members from the ACLU, National Women's Law Center and Women's Research & Education Institute, have called for more transparency into the research and progress the military has made.

The Army has yet to open 100,000 positions in 14 specialties and the Marines still have to open 70,000 positions in 32 specialties, said Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who has spearheaded efforts highlighting issues females face in the military.

Both branches have taken different approaches to opening up the jobs to women. The Army will first open assignments for women who already qualify for open military occupational specialties while developing standards for the closed ones. The Marines plan is to come up with standards first and then decide whether to open closed MOSs. The inconsistency could cause friction between the two services, critics say.

"We need to be able to hold them accountable for preventing the best-qualified individuals from competing for these positions," Gillibrand said. "Integrating women into combat strengthens our country both morally and militarily."

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## Congress to investigate Navy bribe accusations

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Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will investigate a scandal involving Navy officials accepting gifts, including in exchange for classified information, according to a memo released in Washington late Thursday.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., the committee's chairman, called for contracting documents dating back four years and a briefing by Navy Secretary Ray Mabus on the "string of contracting scandals that have engulfed the U.S. Navy," according to a Jan. 28 letter he sent to Mabus.

At the center of the scandal is Glenn Defense Marine Asia, a contractor that has provided support services to Navy ships docked at ports throughout Asia for decades. Federal prosecutors allege that GDMA and its president, Malaysian national Leonard Glenn Francis — known as "Fat Leonard" — overbilled the Navy by \$20 million in recent years.

Court documents allege that Francis bribed multiple Navy officers in exchange for information on ship schedules and cooperation in steering ships to ports where GDMA could reap higher fees.

Mabus has ordered contracting officials to review current practices and propose better anti-fraud measures. However, Issa wrote that the Navy had previously appointed a panel in 2011 to review practices in the wake of an \$18 million kickback "and it does not appear that the process has improved significantly."

Issa has given the Navy until Feb. 6 to hand over copies of all contracting documents between the Navy and GDMA dating back to Jan. 1, 2009.

In September, federal agents arrested Leonard; Cmdr. Michael Vannak Khem Misiewicz, former USS Mustin commander and deputy operations officer for the Yokosuka-based U.S. 7th Fleet; and Naval Criminal Investigative Service special agent John Beliveau II.

Agents later arrested Francis' cousin, Alex Wisidagama, and Navy Cmdr. Jose Luis Sanchez. Other officers, including two admirals, have been relieved but not charged while the service probes their involvement.

All have pleaded not guilty except for Beliveau, who admitted to bribery charges in December. Beliveau accepted plane tickets, hotel rooms and prostitutes in exchange for passing on confidential NCIS files about the Navy's investigation into Leonard.

Francis also tried to arrange tickets for Misiewicz and other sailors to a Lady Gaga concert in Thailand, and lamented that Misiewicz missed a group of female escorts that Francis referred to as his "Elite Thai Seal Team," according to an email cited in the court complaint.

Issa's memo also noted that in November, the Navy suspended supply firm Inchange Shipping Services, after the Justice Department began investigating allegations that it too overbilled the Navy. Inchange is one of the Navy's main ship service providers in the Middle East and Africa.

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## MILITARY

# Defense, ties key at Munich security talks

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MUNICH, Germany — The Munich Security Conference kicked off Friday with Germany's president calling out his country for not doing enough to confront global threats, saying 70-year-old guilt over World War II should not be used as a "shield for laziness."

"Are we doing what we can to stabilize our neighborhood? In the east and in Africa? Are we willing to bear our fair share of the risk?" asked German Federal President Joachim Gauck. "Germany must be ready to do more to guarantee the security others have provided it with for decades."

"Restraint can thus be taken too far," he said.

And so began the 50th Munich Security Conference, where heads of state and numerous defense ministers are taking part in three days of talks on a range of security challenges.

Expected to dominate the agenda are the civil war in Syria, Iran's nuclear program and the political upheaval in Ukraine. Cybersecurity, privacy and surveillance also are issues to be examined.

Still, the trans-Atlantic relationship and the role of Europe in the face of instability and the growth of regionalized terror groups in Africa and the Middle East remain prime areas of focus.

Relations between the U.S. and its European allies have been strained recently following revelations of U.S. spying, most notably allegations the U.S. hacked the cell phone of German Chancellor Angela Merkel.



FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP

A police officer and a dog inspect a car Friday in front of the entrance of the hotel Bayerischer Hof for the 50th Security Conference in Munich, Germany.

Part of Friday afternoon's opening sessions was spent on "rebooting trust" between the U.S. and allies over the leaks from National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden.

Gauck said it is right for allies to call attention to disagreements with the U.S. over spying, but also called out allies for an underinvestment in their own intelligence-gathering capabilities that has created an overreliance on the U.S.

Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said he recognized trust concerns over the NSA, though he chided Europeans for not zeroing in on what he considered the main threats associated with cybersecurity, such as spying and cyberattacks from China and Iran.

"If you think that (the NSA) is the problem, we're all fooling ourselves," Rogers said.

Rogers also cautioned surveil-

lance critics that the conflict in Syria could ripple into Europe and that surveillance will be needed.

"Let's walk ourselves back," Rogers said. "There are hundreds of Europeans getting battle-trained in Syria who will come home. They will use European networks" to finance and plan operations, he said.

Meanwhile, with unrest across the Middle East and bloody ethnic disputes and terrorism concerns in parts of Africa, Gauck said Europe can't afford "navel gazing."

"I don't believe Germany can carry on as before in the face of these developments," he said.

Gauck said Germany should not as a rule oppose interventions, but added it would never support any purely military solution, and any deployment of troops would have to coincide with diplomacy.

Germany contributes more than 3,000 troops to the NATO-led coalition in Afghanistan. However, for the U.S. and other allies, Germany's reluctance to engage in NATO operations, such as the 2011 air campaign in Libya, has been a sore spot.

U.S. officials, including former Defense Secretary Robert Gates,

also have scolded Europe for underinvesting in defense. On Saturday, Europe's role in security operations and the trans-Atlantic relationship will be examined in panel discussions that will include Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, Secretary of State John Kerry and NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen.

Top military representatives attending include Supreme Allied Commander and European Command chief Gen. Philip Breedlove and Africa Command leader Gen. David Rodriguez.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov also will attend and is expected to meet on the sidelines with Kerry, who likely will discuss the international effort to destroy Syrian chemical weapons stockpiles, which is behind schedule.

Several U.S. lawmakers also are in Munich, including Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who was recently in Ukraine to meet with members of the opposition there. Vitali Klitschko, a former heavyweight boxing champion and now a leader of the opposition movement in Ukraine, also will address the conference.

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## Study group: Air Force needs to shift missions to reserve forces

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WASHINGTON — With continuing budget constraints on the horizon, the Air Force needs to use "untraditional thinking" and to consider the untapped potential of its highly experienced reserve airmen, the head of a congressional established study group said Friday.

In a report issued Thursday, the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force recommended a major shift of manpower and resources from the active duty to the reserve component.

But commission chairman Dennis McCarthy, who spoke to reporters in Washington, admitted getting the military to accept such a change would not be a simple task.

"I think the obstacle is traditional thinking, and I think traditional thinking in the Air Force is, 'We've got it about right, right now,'" he said. "So what we're suggesting is some untraditional thinking."

The Air Force could shift its component mix from the current 69 percent active duty and 31 percent reserve to 58 percent active and 42 percent reserve, the report said. That change would result in the shift of 36,600 personnel and would save about \$2 billion per year for the Air Force, it said.

"Part-time" force structure ... costs less than the force structure provided by "full-time" personnel," the report said. "Recognizing that some missions must be performed by the Active Component, the Air Force can, and should, enlist as many missions as possible to its Reserve Component forces."

Among dozens of recommendations, the report called for increasing the number of integrated units with active, Guard and reserve personnel serving together. That would enhance "cultural melding" that began with the components fighting alongside each other in recent wars, McCarthy said.

"The tribes, if you will, are less

distinct today," he said. "But I also think you have to realize that if you don't keep working at it, the tribalism will reform."

He added, "People who serve together, who get to know each other, don't revert to their tribe."

The commission told Congress that the Air Force needs flexibility either to close bases or to shut down unneeded parts of them, McCarthy said.

But that line of argument has brushed off each time Defense Department officials have raised the issue of a new round of the Base Closure and Realignment process.

"We weren't specific about when, where, but we said, you ought to have the flexibility to do that so that you could make these force structure changes in a smart way," McCarthy said. "There's no question that this whole facility issue and infrastructure issue is a tough one, but it's only one of the tough questions."

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## MILITARY

## Toxic: Pentagon leaders say the know problem exists with some officers

## FROM FRONT PAGE

The affliction of abusive leadership has even infected some civilian leaders at the Pentagon, raising questions about the Defense Department's ability to detect and root out flaws in its command culture.

Inspector-general files show, for example, that Army officers described the working atmosphere under Joyce Morrow, a powerful civilian official at Army headquarters, as "toxic," "corrosive" and "like you were in a prisoner of war camp." Officers complained of menial servitude and said they were forced to fetch Morrow's iced tea, which she would refuse to drink if it was not served in a cup with a lid and a straw, but no ice.

Most military commanders are upstanding and well-respected by their troops. Many are hailed as heroes, particularly after more than a dozen years of war. But in recent months, the armed forces have been shaken by an embarrassing number of generals and admirals who have gotten into trouble for gambling, drinking and sleeping around, among other ethical lapses.

Some current and former officers say those cases are symptomatic of a more damaging problem: a system that promotes and tolerates too many lousy leaders.

"This is a larger issue of not only officer misconduct involving ethical issues, but let's call these guys for what they are: toxic leaders," said Christopher Walach, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and battalion commander who served two combat tours in Iraq.

Walach said he left the Army in 2008 largely because of what he described as a destructive command climate. "It destroys the message that draws many into the ranks of the military in the first place," he said.

Leaders at the Pentagon say they haven't looked into whether the number of toxic or unethical leaders has increased. But they said they recognize there is a problem.

Gen. Martin Dempsey, chair-

man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has speculated that the military valued "competence over character" during wartime, and that it needs to place a higher priority on personal rectitude.

"It's very important that you have somebody who can lead you into a firefight who is not going to get you killed," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael Stough, a senior official on the Joint Staff whom Dempsey has assigned to oversee changes in how commanders are trained and evaluated. "But it's also important that you trust they're going to act ethically as well."

Stough said the Joint Staff is re-emphasizing ethics in training. To help flag worrisome behavior, evaluations will now include feedback from subordinates as well as superiors. Command headquarters also are receiving extra help to ensure that generals and admirals don't run afoul of rules regarding travel and gifts.

The armed forces are increasing the number of surveys and evaluations in which troops are asked to rate their commanders. But policies have varied about who gets to see the results. In many cases, the findings are shown only to the general or admiral under review, leaving it up to them to decide whether they need to change their ways.

To increase accountability, Congress adopted a measure late last year requiring that the surveys be provided to a commander's immediate superior.

### 'Management by blowtorch and pliers'

A review of inspector-general investigations of senior officers shows that Army generals are sanctioned more often for toxic leadership than in the other armed forces.

Army Lt. Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, the commander of the Missile Defense Agency, retired in January 2013 after a Defense Department inspector-general report found that he bullied subordinates. Numerous people testified that O'Reilly was intel-

ligent, even brilliant, but that he browbeat them with obscenities at high volume. "Management by blowtorch and pliers," one witness told investigators.

In his response to the inspector general, O'Reilly said some senior staff members "were unaccustomed to having their work questioned." He said he never insulted or verbally abused anyone. This year, in separate investigations, the Army inspector general cited two other generals — Brig. Gen. Mandi Murray, a Michigan Army National Guard officer, and Brig. Gen. Therese O'Brien, an Army Reserve logistician — for failure "to foster a healthy command climate."

The Army denied a request from The Washington Post to release those investigative reports because disciplinary action is pending. Neither commander responded to a request for comment.

At the Connecticut National Guard, several officers told the Army inspector general that Mascolo, a one-star commander, had the right military skills for the job but that he was prone to blow his stack during times of stress. When Hurricane Irene struck in 2011, they said, Mascolo screamed and cursed and lit into subordinates.

A colonel testified that he heard Mascolo berate the command sergeant major for not clearing an email with him before sending it. "What the f--- did you think you are? Goddamn it, I am a general officer," Mascolo yelled, according to the colonel. "You get the hell out of my office. [Expletive]. I'm a general officer. I'll be goddamned if I will be treated like this."

Mascolo acknowledged to the inspector general that he used profanity but said that it was never placed on him and that he did not personally attack anyone. He received a written reprimand from the Army but kept his command position.

In a phone interview, Mascolo called some of the accusations "sensationalistic" but said he was sobered by the investigation. He said a more recent survey of his command style was "overwhelmingly positive."

"I had some command climate problems around a very challenging disaster deployment," he said. "I feel like I learned from the experience and I am a better leader for it."

Joseph Doty, a retired Army lieutenant colonel who works as a consultant on ethics and leadership, said the service has never placed enough emphasis on character.

Unlike proficiency in military tactics, personal traits are difficult to measure on performance reviews, he said, adding that the subject is rarely broached. "The assumption is, 'He's perfect in competence and he's perfect in character, otherwise he wouldn't be where he is.'"

Adding to the problem is a deep, cultural reluctance to ques-

tion or challenge the misbehavior of senior leaders, Doty said.

"Who wants to air dirty laundry?" he said. "A lot of the ones that are in the news, people knew what was going on, whether it was peers or subordinates, but they didn't do anything."

### Reprimand, retirement

In February 2011, after an investigation, the Army inspector general found that Brig. Gen. Scott Donahue, the former Army Corps of Engineers commander, regularly mistreated his subordinates and that he was to blame for a "toxic working environment."

Donahue disagreed. He said that the division was dysfunctional before he arrived and that he was undermined by junior officers. He asked for a new investigation. In a rare move, the Army obliged.

The second inquiry was more thorough, but came to the same conclusion in April 2013 that he "failed to foster a healthy command climate. Although the division was a military organization, it was staffed mostly by civilians who were 'not accustomed to senior leaders yelling or raising their voice to express their discontent, invading their personal space,'" according to the second inspector general report.

Army officials said that they gave Donahue a "memorandum of concern" and that he has since retired. He did not respond to a request for comment made through an Army spokesman.

At the Pentagon, the roles were reversed in the office of Joyce Morrow, the administrative assistant to the Army secretary.

Morrow's title belied her influence. She oversaw four Army field operating agencies, about 3,000 personnel and a \$1 billion budget. Most of her subordinates were fellow civilians or contractors. And the Army gave the operation high marks for efficiency.

But the uniformed officers who reported to Morrow complained to the Army inspector general that she was an autocrat who "constantly belittled" her staff and made the office a miserable place to work.

One colonel testified that Morrow asked a staff member "to take 14 pairs of shoes to the Pentagon shoe repair shop to get them fixed" and that the shoes "had to be done a certain way or Ms. Morrow was not going to pay for them," according to the inspector general's report.

Morrow's executive officers testified that they were expected to bring her lunch, as well as the iced tea. Others said she made them review medical documents for her mother, fax documents to help redesign her closet at home and order medication for her dog.

One major said she ruled "through fear" and would freeze out underlings who displeased her by giving them the silent treatment. Although many staff

members said Morrow did not swear or yell, one said her "favorite word was 'crap.'"

Morrow was "officially reprimanded" and has since retired, said George Wright, an Army spokesman. He said Morrow also was required to forfeit her eligibility for more than \$20,000 in annual performance awards.

The statement to the inspector general, Morrow denied many of the allegations or said she could not recall specific incidents. She did not return a phone call seeking comment nor respond to a request for an interview placed through the Army.

### Abuse a 'daily event'

The Army does not hold a monopoly on toxic leaders.

In November 2012, the Air Force inspector general opened an investigation of Maj. Gen. Stephen Schmidt, a U.S. commander based in Europe. Turnover was endemic among his closest aides, who said he yelled at them daily. One lieutenant colonel had been selected for promotion but retired instead,

saying that life under Schmidt was "impacting his health and marriage."

One major was more accepting, saying that he had seen investigators that he considered it "part of the job" to have to endure a tough boss.

But fun it was not. "The screaming and the being called an idiot, yes that was an absolute daily event," the major testified, adding that Schmidt loved to taunt with his pet phrase, "No [expletive], Sherlock."

Another lieutenant colonel accused Schmidt of hitting him in the eye with a paper clip, something he said was no small hazard for a fighter pilot whose job demanded excellent vision. He said that he protested, but that Schmidt laughed and responded, "Maybe you should have been wearing some [expletive] racquetball goggles."

Other Air Force officers told investigators that working for Schmidt was no picnic, but that he didn't treat them as badly.

Schmidt told investigators that he did use "PC-13 profanity for emphasis" but only on occasion and never "to personally, you know, degrade somebody." He said he "tossed" but did not "throw" the paperclip and "didn't think it was possible" that it hit the fighter pilot. He said he apologized anyway.

The inspector general concluded that Schmidt's conduct "was abusive and otherwise unwarranted, unjustified, and unnecessary for any lawful purpose and it resulted in mental suffering."

Schmidt, who declined to comment through an Air Force spokesman, received a written reprimand and retired from the Air Force last week.



Schmidt

## Suspicious powder sent to hotels near Super Bowl

The Associated Press

CARLSTADT, N.J. — The FBI and other law enforcement are investigating a suspicious, white powder that was mailed to at least five New Jersey hotels near the site of Sunday's Super Bowl, the NFL championship that's the biggest spectacle in American sports and TV.

Carlstadt Police Det. John Cleary said someone at an Econo Lodge found the substance in an envelope Friday.

Cleary said similar mailings arrived at the Homestead Inn in East Rutherford and a Renaissance Inn in Rutherford. He said investigators intercepted additional envelopes from a mail truck before it reached a Holiday Inn Express and Hampton Inn in Carlstadt.

Hazardous-materials teams are checking out the substance.

CNN reported that tests indicated at least one of the mailings contained cornstarch.



## NATION



President Barack Obama waves as he boards Air Force One on Thursday in Nashville, Tenn.

## Environmental groups: President not doing enough to help climate

By MATTHEW DALY  
AND DINA CAPPIELLO  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House has rebuffed repeated protests by some of President Barack Obama's top environmental allies that his climate strategy won't work.

The heads of 18 environmental groups went public recently with a complaint they have privately pressed the White House on for months: Obama's support of expanded oil and gas production doesn't make sense for a president who wants to reduce global warming pollution.

"We believe that continued reliance on an 'all-of-the-above' energy strategy would be fundamentally at odds with your goal of cutting carbon pollution," the environmentalists wrote in a letter to Obama this month.

The plea from some of his staunchest supporters did not stop Obama, who proclaimed in his State of the Union address Tuesday that his energy strategy is working.

"Taken together, our energy policy is creating jobs and leading to a cleaner, safer planet," said Obama, who also declared that "climate change is a fact."

The dispute between Obama and the leaders of major green groups has been simmering for months, a schism that shows the fine line the environmental community has walked with a Democratic president who has taken significant steps on climate change and the recalcitrance of Obama's White House when it is criticized, even by its allies.

White House officials knew last spring that a letter objecting to Obama's energy policy was in the works. They urged the environmental groups to wait until after Obama delivered a speech on cli-

mate change in June, hoping his aggressive steps on global warming would change their minds.

"There is a cognitive dissonance inside the administration," Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We believe their commitment to fight climate change is genuine, and yet the energy policy goals of the administration make addressing climate change much more difficult."

The environmental groups' stance could be dismissed as advocacy groups just doing what they do—pushing the president to go further on an issue important to their members. Already, they have protested a pipeline project carrying Canadian tar sands oil into the U.S., fought to shutter coal-fired power plants and opposed the drilling technique known as hydraulic fracturing.

But for the major groups, the letter marked new territory, the first time the lobby has been both united and sharply critical of Obama's central environmental issue, one they support in principle: curbing climate change.

"Not a lot of these groups have said it aloud. It does mark a shift in environmental community," said Maura Cowley, executive director of the Energy Action Coalition, who signed the letter.

That shift was clear in the reaction to Obama's State of the Union. Groups that had viewed the June climate speech positively pointed out what they saw as a flaw in logic in the president's remarks Tuesday night.

"An 'all-of-the-above' energy strategy" cannot work for the president's own climate action plan and the climate justice he espoused," said Trip Van Noppen, president of Earthjustice, who also signed the letter. "We should not be locking ourselves into fossil

fuel dependence that doesn't pass the president's own climate test."

The letter was sent Jan. 16. The White House objected to its substance, arguing that it is possible to control emissions even as fossil fuel production climbs.

John Podesta, an Obama senior adviser, wrote that he was "surprised" the groups moved forward with the letter, especially since the White House has had to fend off repeated attacks from Republicans and the fossil fuel industry on its environmental policies.

No one in the environmental community is knocking what Obama has achieved. He has secured deals to double the fuel economy for cars and trucks, has greatly expanded renewable energies such as wind and solar power and has proposed the first limits on carbon dioxide pollution from future coal-fired power plants.

This summer, the Obama administration is expected to take on the largest source of carbon dioxide pollution by proposing limits for existing coal-fired power plants.

Yet, at the same time, the number of rigs drilling offshore in the Gulf of Mexico has returned to levels not seen since the BP oil spill. Oil production and natural gas production are booming, largely on private lands where the administration has little control, and as a result, so is the heat-trapping pollution from those operations.

Bill McKibben, a founder of 350.org and frequent critic of the administration's pro-fossil fuel strategies, said, "If you double the number of drilling rigs in the country and open up huge swaths of (public lands) to mining, and then you also put up some solar panels, it's like having a Weight Watchers brownie after you've eaten four pints of Ben and Jerry's," McKibben did not sign the letter.

# Obama courts firms to support economic agenda

By JULIE EILPERIN  
The Washington Post

WAUKESHA, Wis. — As he addressed workers at a gas engine facility here, President Barack Obama had a chance to reveal in the kind of manufacturing resurgence his administration has sought to foster.

The 106-year-old plant, which has had a 28 percent uptick in sales orders since General Electric took it over in 2011, has instituted a job-training program that provides high school students with degrees and apprentice certificates after two years of work.

"We're here because you're doing some really good stuff that everyone needs to pay attention to," Obama said.

The entire scene—complete with cheering, well-paid industrial workers and a table boasting the presidential seal where Obama can sign presidential memoranda—was aimed at conveying the president's central message this year: that he can accomplish a range of policies outside Congress with the help of the private sector. Call it a new coalition of the willing.

It is part of an effort by Obama to change the direction of a presidency bogged down with problems, including tense relations with congressional Republicans opposed to most of his agenda. He has spent the past week undertaking a flurry of activities aimed at making incremental progress on the federal minimum wage, retirement savings and worker training.

Now the question is whether he can marshal enough resources to achieve his newly articulated economic vision.

On Friday, the president was to play host to 300 firms at the White House that have pledged to hire individuals who have been out of work for at least six months.

"What we have done is to gather together 300 companies, just to start with, including, some of the top 50 companies in the country,

companies like Wal-Mart and Apple, Ford and others, to say, 'Let's establish best practices,'" Obama said in an interview with CNN on Thursday. "Because they've been unemployed... so long, folks are looking at that gap in the resume and they're weeding them out before these folks even get a chance for an interview."

White House press secretary Jay Carney told reporters this week that Obama is determined to broaden the political conversation on economic and social issues.

"The president is not president of Washington—he's the president of America," Carney said. "And there's a lot of activities happening around the country that is moving this country forward, that's expanding opportunity. ... And the president is embracing that and pushing forward in any way he can."

Each of the stops on Obama's two-day trip has embodied not just the specific policies he is arguing will improve the lives of middle-class Americans, but the kind of communal approach to politics he has espoused from the start of his career.

At a Costco in Glendarden, Md., on Wednesday, he invoked the words of the company's founder, Jim Singel, whom he described as "a great friend of mine and somebody who I greatly admire."

"And Jim is rightly proud of everything he's accomplished. 'But,' he said, 'here's the thing about the Costco story. We didn't build our company in a vacuum. We built it in the greatest country on Earth. We built our company in a place where anyone can make it with hard work, a little luck, and a little help from their neighbors and their country.'"

The White House has been working to leverage its relationships with like-minded private-sector players, as shown in Friday's unemployment event and a college summit that the president and first lady held earlier this month.

judge legislation where people get legal status and then go into the regular citizenship process.

Obama said he also would have to consult immigration advocacy groups to see what they would want in final legislation.

House Republicans released immigration principles Thursday that include legalization, but not a special pathway to citizenship. Obama said he is encouraged that some Republicans appear to want to address immigration issues.

The Associated Press

## Obama says he's open to immigration options

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is indicating he could be open to immigration legislation that does not include a special pathway to citizenship for the 11 million people already in the U.S. illegally.

In an interview with CNN, Obama reiterated his preference for including a route to citizenship in a comprehensive bill. But he says he doesn't want to pre-

## NATION

## Large wave of federal retirements seen for '17

By Josh Hicks  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The federal workforce is building toward a potential retirement wave, with more than a third of career employees projected to be eligible for collecting their end-of-career benefits by September 2017, compared with just 14 percent at the same time in 2012.

That's according to a new report on trends in federal civilian employment and compensation from Congress's nonpartisan investigative arm, the Government Accountability Office. The analysis also found that federal employment, not including the military, grew by 14 percent between 2004 and 2012, with most of the increase coming in jobs that require additional skill and education.

The GAO concluded that the large numbers of retirement-eligible employees in coming years may be a cause for concern because "their retirement could produce mission-critical skills gaps if not addressed."

In 2012, Congress and President Barack Obama took action to address that situation, approving a "phased retirement" program that allows federal employees to work part time after the age of retirement while receiving partial annuities and continuing to pay toward their benefits. Those workers would be required to spend at least 20 percent of their

part-time employment on mentoring their replacements.

Federal-worker groups have called for an expansion of the phased retirement program, saying it should apply to older employees who have worked for the government fewer than 20 years.

The GAO report also showed growth in the workforce from 2004 to 2012, with a figure that increased from 1.88 million to 2.13 million.

The GAO found that the government's three largest agencies — the departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security — accounted for 94 percent of the increase in federal employment during that period.

The Pentagon said that much of its growth resulted from converting positions from military to civilian, in addition to an expansion of its acquisition and cybersecurity workforces, according to the report. VA said that increased demand for medical and health-related services drove its growth, while DHS attributed its numbers to the nation's border security requirements, the analysis said.

Projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that federal employment is now moving in the opposite direction, with a decline of 13 percent likely during the next nine years.

## 20-term representative from Calif. to retire

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rep. Henry Waxman, one of Congress' fiercest negotiators and a policy expert on everything from clean air to health care, will retire at the end of the year after four decades in the House.

"It's time for someone else to have the chance to make his or her mark," the liberal California Democrat said in a statement announcing he won't seek re-election.

"I never imagined I would be in the House for 40 years and be able to advance every issue I care deeply about," he added. "It has been an extraordinary experience."

Not one, however, without a degree of disillusionment.

In his 3½-page statement, Waxman explicitly condemned conservative House Republicans elected in 2010. "I abhor the extremism of the Tea Party," he said, adding he's "embarrassed that the greatest legislative body in the world too often operates in

a partisan intellectual vacuum, denying science, refusing to listen to experts, and ignoring facts."

But the mustached, bespectacled congressman made clear he's not running from the institution. He said he's not leaving out of frustration, nor because he thinks minority Democrats don't have a chance at regaining the House majority. But he stopped short of predicting they'll do it in this year's midterm elections.

Waxman, 74, was elected during the post-Watergate class of 1974 and represents perhaps the nation's most glamorous district, including the movie star havens of Bel Air, Brentwood and Malibu.

During the following 20 terms in Congress, he established himself as one of the House's leading liberals, but one who would negotiate with other lawmakers to pass passage of bills to help nursing home patients and HIV/AIDS victims and to better ensure food safety. He worked with Utah Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch to pass major legislation that opened the market for generic drugs, and collaborated closely for decades with the Republican who occupies Waxman's former seat at the helm of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.



SEAN MURPHY, MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE/AP

Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, emerges wounded from a boat at the time of his capture by law enforcement authorities in Watertown, Mass., on April 19, 2013.

## US to seek death penalty for Boston bomb suspect

By DENISE LAVOIE  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The announcement by federal prosecutors that they will seek the death penalty against the man accused in the Boston Marathon bombing came as no surprise to people who lost limbs or suffered other injuries in last year's attack.

But the victims and their families expressed a range of emotions about the decision Thursday to seek the execution of a 20-year-old man prosecutors accuse of committing one of the worst terror attacks on U.S. soil since Sept. 11, 2001.

"It shows people that if you are going to terrorize our country, you are going to pay with your life," said Marc Fucarle, of Stoneham, who lost his right leg above the knee and suffered other severe injuries in the bombing.

But the grandmother of a 29-year-old woman killed in the attack said she isn't sure she supports the death penalty for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, yet she fears that prison wouldn't be enough punishment for him.

"I don't know, because it's not going to bring her back," said Lilian Campbell, grandmother of Krystle Campbell. "I don't even like to discuss it because it makes me so upset. She was my granddaughter and I miss her so much."

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder's decision, announced Thursday, was widely expected. The twin blasts last April killed three people and wounded more than 260. More than half the 30 federal charges against Tsarnaev carry possible death sentences,

including using a weapon of mass destruction to kill.

In a notice filed in court, federal prosecutors in Boston accused Tsarnaev, who moved to the U.S. from Russia about a decade ago, of betraying his adopted country by planning and carrying out a terrorist attack without remorse.

"Dzhokhar Tsarnaev received asylum from the United States, obtained citizenship and enjoyed the freedoms of a United States citizen; and then betrayed his allegiance to the United States by killing and maiming people in the United States," read the notice filed by U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz.



Tsarnaev

Tsarnaev has pleaded not guilty. No trial date has been set.

In the notice, prosecutors listed factors they contend justify a sentence of death against Tsarnaev.

They cited allegations that he killed an MIT police officer as well as an 8-year-old boy, a "particularly vulnerable" victim because of his age. They also cited his suspected decision to target the Boston Marathon, "an iconic event that draws large crowds of men, women and children to its final stretch, making it especially susceptible to the act and effects of terrorism."

Tsarnaev's lawyers had no immediate comment.

In an interview with ABC, Tsarnaev's mother, Zubeidat, who

lives in Russia, said: "How can I feel about this? I feel nothing. I can tell you one thing, that I love my son. I will always feel proud of him. And I keep loving him."

Prosecutors allege Tsarnaev, then 19, and his 26-year-old brother, ethnic Chechens from Russia, built and planted two pressure-cooker bombs near the finish line of the race to retaliate against the U.S. for its military actions in Muslim countries.

The older brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, died in a shootout with police during a getaway attempt days after the bombing. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was wounded but escaped and later was captured hiding in a boat parked in a yard in a Boston suburb.

Authorities said he scrawled inside the boat such things as "The US Government is killing our innocent civilians" and "We Muslims are one body, you hurt one you hurt us all."

Killed in the bombings were: Martin Richard, 8, of Boston; Krystle Campbell, 29, of Medford; and Lu Lingzi, 23, a Boston University graduate student from China. At least 16 others lost limbs.

Legal experts have said that the defense may try to save Tsarnaev's life by arguing that he fell under the influence of his brother.

"I think their focus ... will probably be to characterize it as coercion, intimidation and just his will being overborne by the older brother," said Gerry Leone, a former state and federal prosecutor in Boston who secured a conviction against shoe bomber Richard Reid.



## NATION



ROBERT TONG, (NOVATO, CALIF.) MARIN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL/AP

Raindrops appear on a windshield following the first rain of the year early Thursday in Novato, Calif.

# California governor says flush less amid drought

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With dangerously low snow levels in the mountains and rain coming in just dribs and drabs, a deepening California drought has prompted Gov. Jerry Brown to urge people to turn off the water while brushing teeth and not to "flush more than you have to."

A snow survey Thursday in the Sierra Nevada in Northern

California found the snow water equivalent was just 12 percent of normal for this time of winter, despite a storm that dumped some new snow Thursday. The water in the northern and central Sierra snowpack provides about a third of California's water supply. Satellite photos from space show the tops of the towering peaks as brown instead of white.



Brown

A weak cold-weather system limping through the state did provide a few sprinkles of rain Thursday, but it amounted to only a few hundredths of an inch and "the chances of tipping any rain buckets is much closer to zero," a National Weather Service forecast said.

The system could bring perhaps an inch of snow in the higher mountains.

The chance of rain was to continue into early Friday and again on Sunday but "even the wettest models suggest a very light precipitation at best, mostly under a tenth of an inch," the forecast said.

"Make no mistake, this drought is a big wakeup call," Brown said Thursday before meeting with local water district officials in downtown Los Angeles, where a smattering of rain fell later in the day. "Hopefully it's going to rain. If it doesn't, we're going to have to act in a very strenuous way in every part of the state to get through."

"Every day this drought goes

on, we're going to have to tighten the screws on what people are doing," Brown said.

Brown declared a state drought emergency earlier this month and called on Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent.

On Thursday he offered some practical advice, including avoiding long solo showers and cutting down on toilet flushing.

State climatologist Michael Anderson said only 1.53 inches of rain was recorded from October through December, the lowest aggregate total in records dating back to 1895.

Officials say 2013 also was the state's driest calendar year since records started being kept.

Southern California has been stockpiling water to deal with potential shortages, but some places in the state are struggling.

State officials have said that 17 rural communities are in danger of a severe water shortage within four months. Wells are running dry or reservoirs are nearly empty in some communities. Others have long-running problems that predate the drought.

minal in Pasadena late Thursday. Princess Cruises, which owns the ship, said the highly contagious norovirus spread quickly among passengers, forcing a premature end to their voyage.

The company said in a statement that Centers for Disease Control officials will board the ship Friday to ensure thorough sanitation.

The Caribbean Princess left the Pasadena port Jan. 25 bound for the Caribbean with more than 4,200 people aboard. It had been scheduled to return Saturday.

Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas returned to New Jersey on Wednesday after nearly 700 aboard fell sick with the same gastrointestinal illness.

From The Associated Press

## DC puts 2 firefighters on leave during death probe

By PETER HERMANN  
AND AMY BRITTAIN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A District of Columbia fire lieutenant and a firefighter were put on administrative leave Thursday as city authorities investigate why a man who suffered a fatal heart attack outside a Northeast Washington firehouse didn't get care, according to officials familiar with the case.

The move comes one day after the lieutenant, identified by District of Columbia officials as Kellene Davis — met with the fire department's internal affairs division. Officials declined to say what Davis, 51, said at the meeting, and she could not be reached for comment.

But in a letter to city Fire Chief Kenneth Ellerbe, Davis, a 28-year veteran, said a firefighter told her that someone had slipped and fallen across the street. She said she told the firefighter to get an address and that she would go help. But she said he never returned with the address and instead told her that an ambulance already had been dispatched. It was unclear whether that firefighter is the one who was placed on administrative leave.

No action has been taken against a probationary firefighter who told people who sought help for the dying man that they had to call 911 before anyone could respond, although Davis said in her letter to the chief that she reprimanded that firefighter for not ringing the station alarm.

Officials said that the firefighter properly told the lieutenant that people were seeking help and that the investigation now centers on why nothing apparently was done.

The fatal incident occurred Saturday when Medic Cecil Mills Jr., 77, who had worked for the District of Columbia more than four decades, collapsed outside a computer store at a strip mall across the street from the fire station on Rhode Island Avenue in the Brookland neighborhood.

His daughter, Marie Mills, said bystanders called 911 but also rushed to the station and banged on the door seeking help. But Mills said a firefighter told them that no one could respond until someone called 911 and they were dispatched.

"There's nothing I can do if my lieutenant doesn't tell me to go," he reportedly said, according to Marie Mills.

## Md. officer shoots son while defending wife, police say

By DAN MORSE  
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Montgomery County police Sgt. James Stirkens frantically called 911 on Wednesday night. Please, please, he begged in anguish, send an ambulance.

Faced with an impossible choice moments earlier, Stirkens had shot his son, Christopher, 25, as the young man attacked his mother with a pair of gardening shears, law enforcement officials said. Now the son was dying, if not dead already. Maybe there was a chance to stop his wife, Denise, from bleeding to death.

"He is trying to save his wife's life," Police Chief Tom Manger said, describing the 911 call. "He's pleading for help to get there. You can hear the agony in his voice."

The sergeant's efforts were not enough. His wife died a short time later at a local hospital.

"My family is broken and it will never be the same," Stirkens' daughter, Tiana, wrote in a Facebook post. "I will never be the same."

The deaths left police reeling and trying to figure out the precise details of what happened inside the family's Gaithersburg, Md., home. Early on in their investigation, Stirkens — a 27-year veteran of the force who works as a patrol sergeant — was too distraught and dazed to give a full

statement.

"It's unfathomable," said Capt. Don Johnson, Stirkens' commander in the county's Silver Spring police district. "You can't even imagine this scenario."

A central question detectives were probing Thursday was what motivated Christopher Stirkens, who lived at the home, to attack his mother. Detectives were exploring whether mental illness played a role. "We're certainly looking at that," said Capt. Jim Daley, a police department spokesman.

The Stirkens' two-story, white house, with purple shutters, sits along a cul-de-sac about 12 miles north of the Capital Beltway. On Thursday, yellow police surrounded the front yard and formed an X over the front door. In the driveway sat an SUV with separate window stickers reading "MOM" and "DAD."

Down the street, neighbor Vida Collison said gotten an impression over the years that Christopher Stirkens could be a "problem to the family," but did not have details. Her son, who went to school with Christopher Stirkens when they were younger, relayed similar concerns about Christopher Stirkens' relationship with his family, Collison said.

Police officials declined Thursday to say whether they had been called to the home before Wednesday, and if so, for what reason, saying they were still trying to piece that together in the case.

## Cruise ship returns to Texas with 170 sick

PASADENA, Texas — More than 170 passengers and crew members have fallen sick aboard a cruise ship, prompting it to return two days early to a Houston-area port.

The Caribbean Princess returned to the Bayport Cruise Ter-

## NATION



ASTRID RIECKEN/For The Washington Post

Capt. Kristin Saboe is an industrial organization psychologist for the U.S. Army who has done research on post-traumatic stress disorder.

## Industrial psychologists help federal workers with crises, long-term challenges

By EMILY WAX-THIBODEAUX

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Over casual lunch conversations in Washington and on formal workplace surveys, federal workers make it clear: They are stressed out, depressed and angst-ridden.

The past few years, after all, have been what a therapist might call emotionally draining: pay freezes, furloughs, sequester cuts. All of which culminated in what therapists might term a total dysfunctional meltdown: October's 16-day government shutdown.

That's why the nation's nearly 2 million federal workers are the subject of both fascination and concern for government therapists, also known as industrial organization psychologists or IO's, some of whom recently spoke to local members of Congress about the feelings of low self-esteem and existential brooding that afflicted some federal workers after the shutdown.

"They feel betrayed, like a family member or friend made them a promise for stable work and then turned on them," said David Costanza, who directs the doctoral program in IO psychology at George Washington University and works with several government agencies. "Every organization has a culture, just like a family does. How they deal with conflict, choose new members and evolve

is at the center of our work."

Whether it's inside the secretive offices of the National Security Agency, on a forward operating base in Afghanistan, or with a group of astronauts soon heading to outer space, these psychologists essentially offer group therapy for the federal workplace. The government psychologists work with agencies as varied as the Department of Energy, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Department of Homeland Security. They are modern practitioners of a branch of psychology that emerged during World War I in response to rapid deployment of troops to extremely high-stress situations new to modern combat.

They address moments of crisis, helping federal employees tackle guilt and other feelings experienced by those who make life-and-death decisions, such as trauma surgeons in the field and airline cockpit crews whose performance is regulated by the government.

The psychologists also help employees grapple with long-term challenges. One of the most dramatic examples is unfolding at NASA, where the psychologists are being asked to help with a three-year, round-trip mission to Mars tentatively proposed for the early 2030s. In the most extreme example of a business trip, the small group of astronauts would

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spend nearly half the voyage in flight and the rest conducting research on the planet's surface. That's a lot of together time. How will everyone get along? What if a dispute breaks out? Or the isolation wears on them?

"And you thought you spent a lot of time at work. Those astronauts will be cooped up together for years, and if members of a team don't have a way to talk out their problems, and there's nowhere to escape to, no outside boss to intervene, conflicts can have dire consequences," said Eduardo Salas, who is leading the team of psychologists working with NASA. "People can die. We can help."

An expert on teamwork in confined spaces such as submarines, Salas has been interviewing astronauts from various countries about what factors increase their stress and what helps them decompress after a long day. In an effort to reduce suspicion and tension among the Mars astronauts, he is involved in developing a software

application that would identify for the entire team mistakes that individuals make in their work. That way, he said, "everyone feels like they are in it together and they want to help their buddies, and resentments and small disagreements won't fester."

Salas expects that he will help select and train the team for the Mars mission, what he describes as a "three-year team dynamic that is relatively untested."

"Technology made the study of personalities at work more urgent," Costanza said. "You couldn't just put anyone in a blimp, plane or tank, where teamwork and steady temperament during extreme trauma became important."

Much of workplace therapy is based on the findings of Hugo Munsterberg, considered the father of the field, who cautioned managers to be concerned with "all the questions of the mind ... like fatigue, monotony, interest, learning, work satisfaction, and rewards." Since his groundbreaking

work in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the field has expanded across private industry as well as the public sector.

At the FBI, three staff IO psychologists helped revamp the agency's promotion process after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. They added new ways of identifying qualified managers, such as using job simulations, and encouraged the bureau to put greater emphasis on leadership ability rather than expertise in a particular field, said psychologist Amy Grubb.

"Big-bang events like 9/11 or any kind of crisis are very traumatic, both in the workplace and in the country. We wanted agency leaders to be leaning forward, as opposed to being static," she said.

More recently, the FBI psychologists studied the connection between the performance of bosses and the effectiveness of their agents and other subordinates. The IOs found that managers who were highly rated by their employees, such as being open to competing opinions, had teams that made more arrests and provided better intelligence, Grubb said.

One of the field's biggest achievements has been to help change attitudes in the military and intelligence agencies toward post-traumatic stress disorder, which didn't used to be recognized as an illness and was often seen as a weakness.

## WORLD

# Italy court again convicts Amanda Knox of murder

By COLLEEN BARRY  
The Associated Press

FLORENCE, Italy — More than two years after Amanda Knox returned to the U.S. apparently home free, an Italian court Thursday reinstated her murder conviction in the stabbing of her roommate and increased her sentence to 28½ years in prison, raising the specter of a long extradition fight.

Knox, 26, received word in her hometown of Seattle. The former American exchange student said she was "frightened and saddened by the unjust verdict" and blamed an "overzealous and intransigent prosecution," a "narrow-minded investigation" and coercive interrogation techniques.

"This has gotten out of hand," Knox said in a statement. "Having been found innocent before, I expected better from the Italian justice system."

Lawyers for Knox and her ex-

boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, 29, who was also found guilty, vowed to appeal to Italy's highest court, a process that will take at least a year and drag out a seesaw legal battle that has fascinated court-watchers on both sides of the Atlantic and led to lurid tabloid headlines about "Foxy Knoxy" and her sex life.

It was the third trial for Knox and Sollecito, whose first two trials in the 2007 slaying of British exchange student Meredith Kercher produced flip-flop verdicts of guilty, then innocent.

After the acquittal in 2011, Knox returned to the U.S., where she evidently hoped to put herself beyond the reach of Italian law. But Italy's supreme court soon ordered a third trial.

On Thursday, the panel of two judges and six lay jury members deliberated 11½ hours before issuing its decision, stiffening Knox's



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

**Amanda Knox, shown after a television interview Friday, said she will fight the reinstated guilty verdict against her and an ex-boyfriend in the 2007 slaying of a British roommate in Italy.**

original 26-year sentence while confirming Sollecito's 25-year term.

Legal experts said it is unlikely Italy will request Knox's extradition before the verdict is final. In Italy, verdicts are not considered final until they are confirmed, usually by the supreme Court of Cassation.

The final decision of whether to hand Knox over to the Italians would rest with the U.S. State Department, and the issue is likely to

stir debate over whether she is a victim of double jeopardy because she was retried after an acquittal.

"Many Americans are quite astonished by the ups and downs in this case," said Mary Fan, a former federal prosecutor who teaches at the University of Washington Law School in Seattle.

Nevertheless, Fan said U.S. courts have previously held that being acquitted and then convicted of a crime in another country is not a legal bar to extradition.

## Syrian negotiators wrap up face-to-face talks

GENEVA — The first face-to-face meetings between Syria's warring sides in three years were wrapping up Friday, with a U.N. mediator struggling to build enough momentum for a more constructive second round to break through the deadly impasse.

Weeklong negotiations have been strained over issues such as the opposition's demand for — and the government's resistance to — a transfer of power in Syria. The talks have so far failed to achieve any concrete results, including the passage of humanitarian aid convoys to besieged parts of the central city of Homs.

## Missing Ukraine activist says he was tortured

KIEV, Ukraine — Police on Friday opened an investigation into the kidnapping of a prominent activist who said he was held captive for more than a week and tortured, in the latest in a string of mysterious attacks on anti-government protesters in the two-month-old political crisis.

Dmytro Bulatov, 35, a member of Automaidda, a group of car owners who have taken part in the protests against President Viktor Yanukovich, went missing Jan. 22.

Bulatov was discovered outside Kiev on Thursday. He said his kidnappers beat him severely, drove nails against his hands, sliced off a piece of ear and cut his face. He was kept in the dark all the time and could not identify the kidnappers. After more than a week of beatings, they eventually dumped him in a forest.

## Elevated radiation at London nuclear site

LONDON — The largest nuclear site in Europe was being operated with reduced staffing Friday after monitoring found higher-than-normal levels of radiation.

The Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant in northwestern England said in a statement that elevated levels of radioactivity had been found at one of the on-site radiation monitors at the north end of the site. It added that there was "no risk to the general public or workforce."

Only essential workers were asked to report for shifts Friday, it said.

## Woman in Canada dies in escalator mishap

MONTREAL — A Canadian woman was strangled after her scarf and then her hair got caught in the mechanism of a Montreal subway escalator as the moving staircase rolled toward the platform.

Bob Lamle, a spokesman for Montreal's ambulance service, said Thursday he's never seen anyone die in a 30-year career. Lamle said emergency officials found a trapped woman, 48, lying on her back at the bottom of the escalator. A doctor declared her dead on the scene. The accident happened at around 9:15 a.m. during the morning rush hour. He said a lot of people saw it and tried to help.

From The Associated Press



ALEXEI SAZONOV/AP

**Men sleep on a bench in downtown Moscow after drinking.**

## Study: Vodka to blame for high death risk in Russian men

By MARIA CHENG  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Russian men who down large amounts of vodka — and too many do — have an "extraordinarily" high risk of an early death, a new study says.

Researchers tracked about 151,000 adult men in the Russian cities of Barnaul, Byisk and Tomsk from 1999 to 2010. They interviewed them about their drinking habits and, when about 8,000 later died, followed up to monitor their causes of death.

The risk of dying before age 55 for those who said they drank

three or more half-liter bottles of vodka a week was a shocking 35 percent.

Overall, a quarter of Russian men die before reaching 55, compared with 7 percent of men in the United Kingdom and less than 1 percent in the United States. The life expectancy for men in Russia is 64 years — placing it among the lowest 50 countries in the world in that category.

It's not clear how many Russian men drink three bottles or more a week. Lead researcher Sir Richard Peto, of Oxford University, said the average Russian adult drinks 20 liters of vodka per year

while the average Briton drinks about three liters of spirits.

"Russians clearly drink a lot, but it's this pattern of getting really smashed on vodka and then continuing to drink that is dangerous," Peto said.

"The rate of men dying prematurely in Russia is totally out of line with the rest of Europe," he said. "There's also a heavy drinking culture in Finland and Poland, but they still have nothing like Russia's risk of death."

Alcohol has long been a top killer in Russia, and vodka is often the drink of choice, available cheaply and often homemade in small villages. Previous studies have esti-

mated that more than 40 percent of working-age men in Russia die because they drink too much, including using alcohol that is not meant to be consumed like that in colognes and antiseptics.

Drinking is so ingrained in Russian culture that there's a word that describes a drinking binge that lasts several days: "zapoi." Peto said there was some evidence of a similar effect in Russian women who also drank heavily, but there was not enough data to draw a broad conclusion.

The study was paid for by the U.K. Medical Research Council and others. It was published online Thursday in the journal *Lancet*.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Man convicted in cemetery-thefts case

**NE** COLUMBUS — A February sentencing has been scheduled for a Columbus man who police say stole ornamental vases and military veteran nameplates from graves at three local cemeteries.

Steven Bequette, 41, pleaded no contest earlier this week to charges of drug possession and attempted theft. Sentencing is set for Feb. 21.

A prosecutor said at least 40 families were victimized by the graveyard thefts. Police said a scrap metal yard worker said the yard bought more than 200 pounds of brass from Bequette last summer.

## City won't make snow using wastewater

**AZ** FLAGSTAFF — Flagstaff won't be using chemically treated wastewater to make snow for an upcoming festival.

City public works section head Mike O'Connor said the city will not use the wastewater to cover San Francisco Street for Dew Downtown Flagstaff next month because it didn't apply in time for a state permit.

O'Connor said the city also was concerned about controlling runoff into storm sewers from snow made with wastewater.

But for the second consecutive year, Flagstaff will use snow guns and potable water to make snow for San Francisco Street.

## Police: Paralegic man steals car from dealer

**FL** OCALA — Police say a paralegic man stole a vehicle from an Ocala dealership before leading officers on a brief chase.

He was arrested a short time later Wednesday when Bradford County Sheriff's deputies spotted him at a gas station.

According to police, the man went to Ford of Ocala to purchase a vehicle. A salesman showed him around and he decided on a white 2009 Pontiac G6.

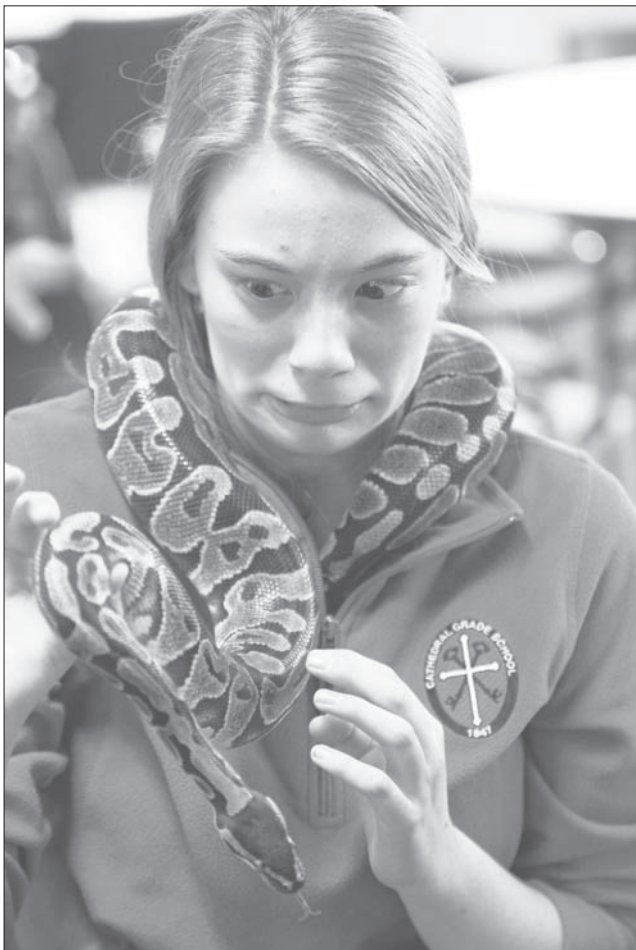
Police said the salesman helped the man into the car so he could see how the car felt. But once inside, he locked the doors, turned on the vehicle and put the end of a folding cane onto the gas pedal. He drove away from the lot.

The dealership notified police and the Marion County Sheriff's Office. The deputies pursued the car to the Alachua County line. Deputies in Alachua County picked up the chase until the end of a folding cane onto the gas pedal. Eventually, deputies in Bradford County saw him putting gas into the car.

He's charged with driving with a suspended license and is facing a possible charge of grand theft auto.

## DOT snow plow driver charged with DUI

**WV** KEYSTONE — A West Virginia Department of Transportation worker



ZIA NAZAMI, BELLEVILLE (ILL.) NEWS-DEMOCRAT/AP

## Creepy encounter

Abigail Hobbs, an eighth-grader at Cathedral Grade School in Belleville, Ill., reacts Monday to Jake the ball python during the Tye-Dyed Iguana presentation, one of several events during Catholic Schools week.

fances charges of driving a state snow plow while drunk.

The McDowell County Sheriff's Department said Thomas Keith Henderson of Elkhorn was arrested late Wednesday near Keystone, about 120 miles southeast of Charleston.

A criminal complaint says Deputy R.L. Jones stopped the snow plow because the driver's side headlight was out. The deputy smelled alcohol and saw that Jones' eyes were bloodshot and glassy.

The sheriff's department said Henderson's blood alcohol level was 0.9 percent. That's more than twice the legal limit of 0.4 percent for commercial driver's

license holders.

## Animal shelter has 36-pound cat

**AZ** PHOENIX — An Arizona animal shelter has a rather large cat on its hands.

The Maricopa County Animal Care and Control recently received a 36-pound cat at one of its shelters in the Phoenix area.

The cat named "Meatball" is temporarily staying in an office at the shelter because he's too large to fit into a standard kennel.

The cat is not available for adoption. Instead, the shelter is trying to place him with a rescue organi-

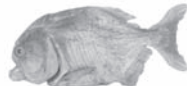
zation that helps overweight cats. The shelter said Meatball is extremely friendly and said he can walk comfortably despite his weight.

## Snowy owl hit by bus is taken to National Zoo

**DC** WASHINGTON — A rare snowy owl recently searching for food in the nation's capital and perching at The Washington Post apparently hit was by a bus and was treated Thursday at the National Zoo.

The owl was brought to the zoo shortly after 2 a.m. Thursday, said zoo spokeswoman An-

## THE CENSUS



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The number piranhas federal authorities say a tropical fish merchant has admitted smuggling into New York City and mislabeling them as common aquarium fish. The Justice Department said Joel Rakower and his Queens company, Tranship Discounts Ltd., pleaded guilty Wednesday and agreed to pay \$75,000 in fines. Piranhas are illegal in New York City and more than two dozen states. Prosecutors said Rakower imported the piranhas in 2011 and 2012 and resold them to fish retailers in several states. Only 850 were recovered.

nalisa Meyer. A veterinarian was called in to treat the owl for an apparent head injury. It later was transferred to a city wildlife rehabilitation facility for additional treatment. District of Columbia police found the injured bird and reported it to the zoo.

## Boxes labeled 'TNT' turn out to be soap

**UT** TOOELE — A bomb squad in Utah checking out two boxes labeled as explosives says the containers turned out to be full of homemade soap.

The discovery at a Tooele home about 6 p.m. Wednesday prompted officials to evacuate about 20 houses. The area was cleared about 10 p.m.

Police said the homeowner was doing maintenance on the subfloor of his home when he found the boxes labeled "Explosives/TNT."

The Unified Fire Authority Bomb Squad used X-rays to determine the packages weren't explosives. They later found the contents were labeled as soap.

## Police: Woman calls 911 to avoid ticket

**NM** ROSWELL — Authorities say a New Mexico woman called in a fake report of a gunman near a convenience store to help a friend avoid a traffic ticket over a tallit.

Roswell police said Savana Jimenez, 22, called 911 Sunday morning hoping the officer who pulled over the car she was a passenger in would get dispatched to the fake crime.

Authorities said Jimenez called 911 while the officer was checking her friend's information. Police said Jimenez later admitted making the entire story up so the officer would rush to the fake scene.

Roswell police spokeswoman Sabrina Morales said Jimenez told police she thought she had warrants out for her arrest, but officials said she didn't.

Jimenez was arrested and charged with obstruction.

From wire reports

## NATION



COURTESY OF ANHEUSER-BUSCH/AP

Lt. Chuck Nadd and his girlfriend Shannon Cantwell wave as they ride on the wagon pulled by Clydesdales aboard the Budweiser beer wagon in a parade in Winter Park, Fla. The brewer has fashioned an ad around the parade that will run during the Super Bowl.

# Soldier turned Budweiser star

## Fla. GI's homecoming doubles as setting for commercial for brewer

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
The Associated Press

WINTER PARK, Fla. — Lt. Chuck Nadd knew something was up when Anheuser-Busch's private jet flew him from Fort Drum in New York to his hometown in central Florida within hours of his return from a tour in Afghanistan in early January.

The Army helicopter pilot and operations officer had been told he was on a public affairs assignment to give a speech to a Veterans of Foreign Wars group in his hometown. But when he got to downtown Winter Park, hundreds of residents, relatives, teachers and friends greeted him with a surprise parade complete with tickertape and Anheuser-Busch's Clydesdale horses.

The brewer, which played a central role in putting the parade together, has fashioned an ad around the event. It will run during Sunday's Super Bowl, and Nadd says he hopes it gets people talking about honoring returning soldiers.

"I hope the visibility it gets starts a conversation about recognizing those who have served and served in a greater capacity than I have," Nadd, 24, said Thursday. "I would hope this commercial helps people look for those heroes in their communities."

Nadd's involvement in the ad started when his girlfriend, Shannon Cantwell, nominated him for a VFW contest to honor a soldier with a tickertape parade in the soldier's hometown.

Shortly before Christmas she found out Nadd, a 2011 West Point graduate, had been chosen. Cantwell made arrangements for his mother to come in from Alabama where she now lives and for friends to fly in from around the nation.

Nadd returned to Fort Drum in early January and less than 24 hours later he was on the private jet to metro Orlando. Cantwell, who works in Washington for U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby, surprised him at the airport in a moment that is captured in the Super Bowl ad.

"I knew something was up when Shannon greeted me," Nadd said.

From the airport, they drove to downtown Winter Park. Nadd noticed the barricades closing off streets and then saw the crowd of hundreds of people waiting for him.

"It was a surprise," said Nadd, who has a look of amazement in the ad when he is told the parade is for him.

Nadd and Cantwell were pulled by Clydesdales aboard the famously-red Budweiser beer wagon.

The best part of the parade for Nadd was at the end. Not only was he greeted by a bleacher filled with his friends and family from different parts of his life, but his mother was there, jumping up and down in excitement and waving an American flag.

Although the parade was staged for an ad, the emotions were genuine, said Clarissa Howard, Winter Park's director of communications.

"The smiles were real," she said.

## Police target NY prostitution ring

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York law enforcement authorities cracked down Thursday on a prostitution ring that they said advertised on public access cable TV, took credit cards and used text messages to market "party packs" of cocaine and sex to clients.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said the gang had been under surveillance for 11 months, but authorities decided to act now in the hope of disrupting any parties that might have been in the works for the upcoming Super Bowl weekend.

More than half of the 18 suspects charged in the case were under arrest Thursday, including a Long Island woman who authorities said went by the code-name "Beige" and was the primary ringleader.

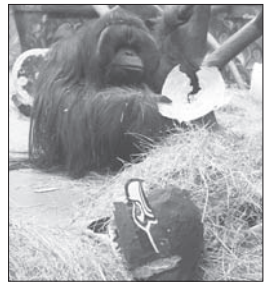
At a news conference, Schneiderman held up a credit card reader that he said had been used by the gang, and said investigators had so far identified \$3 million worth of charges processed in connection with sex and drug sales.

"Keep in mind that most johns pay cash," Schneiderman said. "So that's a staggering number for an enterprise like this."

Authorities said records showed that the ring set up phony clothing, wig, beauty supply and limousine businesses to disguise payments and launder money.

Many of the people involved with the organization were Asian immigrants, authorities said. In some intercepted conversations, the suspects used "Sojjaebi," a Korean noodle and vegetable soup, as a code-word for cocaine.

Schneiderman said investigators didn't have a lot of information on the sex workers involved in the operation, because women cycled in and out, but he said that authorities considered the women to be exploited "victims," and said only their managers would face charges.



COURTESY OF THE HOGLIE ZOO/AP

Eli the ape holds a paper mache Seattle Seahawks helmet, marking her prediction of this Sunday's Super Bowl winner.

## Ape predicts Seahawks victory

SALT LAKE CITY — A Utah ape that has correctly picked the Super Bowl winner for six straight years is predicting the Seattle Seahawks will be the next NFL champion.

Erica Hansen, of Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City, said Eli the ape ran into an enclosure Thursday and swiftly knocked down a papier-mache helmet bearing the Seahawks logo, signaling his pick. She said there was no hesitation.

That could mean bad news for Broncos fans. The 13-year-old primate hasn't been wrong since 2006.

From The Associated Press

## Call it the 'Cute Bowl': Gameday ads go for mass appeal

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Call it Cute Bowl. Adorable is the name of the game this year as Super Bowl advertisers try to grab your attention. That means lots of "cute" story lines, including a family that's expecting a new baby and a horse that forms a long-lasting bond with a puppy.

The saccharine spots are partly a result of more family-friendly brands like Cheerios and Heinz advertising this year. At the same time, fewer startups that tend to have more provocative commercials are in the advertising game this year.

The trend also is a sign of the times. After widespread criticism of more racy or gross-out ads in recent years, companies are being more careful not to offend the more than 108 million viewers who are expected to tune in on Sunday to watch the annual championship game of the National Football League.

## 5 'cute' commercials to watch for

1 **Anheuser-Busch's "Puppy Love"** ad shows its iconic Clydesdales bonding with a cute Labrador puppy. The two try desperately to reconnect with each other after their first meeting.

2 **Cheerios** is showcasing the same biracial little girl and her parents that were in another ad that debuted last year. The company faced racist comments online when last year's ad was rolled out, but says the overwhelming response was positive. So Cheerios is bringing the family back in its first Super Bowl ad. In the spot, the father tells his daughter that they're going to have an addition to the family, a baby boy. Then, the little girl strongly suggests they also get a puppy.

3 **CarlMax's "Slow Clap"** Super Bowl ad shows denizens of a small town congratulating a car buyer with a slow clap. The company also re-enacted the ad for an online video using only puppies that's called "Slow Bark."

4 **Toyota** enlists a careful of Muppets singing "We Ain't Got No Room for Boring" to promote its Highlander SUV.

5 One of **Coca-Cola's** two Super Bowl ads features a boy who makes a surprise play in a little league football game and runs to make a touchdown. He then keeps running until he gets to Lambeau Field, where the Green Bay Packers play. A groundskeeper offers him a Coke.

— The Associated Press

## NATION



Blackfoot chief Mountain Chief listens to a song and interprets its sign language to ethnologist Frances Densmore of the Bureau of American Ethnology. The session took place in 1916 at the Smithsonian Institution, which now has a collection of material on dying or forgotten languages.

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# Trying to keep dying languages alive

Smithsonian's National Anthropological Archives helps Native Americans learn about their heritage

By GUY GUGLIOTTA

Special to The Washington Post

Daryl Baldwin learned about the Smithsonian's National Anthropological Archives when he was trying to find out more about his Native American heritage and the language of his tribe, the Miami of Oklahoma.

He was 28 and working construction in Ohio when he came across some Miami words his late grandfather had written in his personal papers. Baldwin knew nothing of the language except some ancestral names, but the words piqued his interest. There were no Miami speakers left, but a friend mentioned the archives, an immense hoard of recorded voices, documents and other materials describing more than 250 languages from all over the world.

The archives had been accumulating for more than 150 years, the findings of scholars, explorers, soldiers and travelers, and was now stored in a vast warehouse on a grassy campus in Suitland, Md. It included copious material on about 200 Native American languages, many of them endangered, and a considerable number, like Miami, with no remaining native speakers.

Eventually Baldwin made the trip to see what the archives had on his ancestral language. There was plenty. With the archives' help, he taught himself Miami and has been speaking and studying it for 24 years.

The archives have the equivalent of two miles of shelves of dictionaries, word lists, field notes, journals, manuscripts, correspondence, reports, maps, catalogue cards and printed memorabilia. There are more than a million photographs, 20,000 words of indigenous art, 8 million feet of original film and videotape and more than 3,000 sound recordings of various languages: wax cylinders, aluminum discs, reel-to-reel tape, cassettes and CDs. The Cheyenne, from the Great Plains, are represented by 149 grammars, manu-

scripts and other items. There are two papers describing the speakers of Yapese, from the island of Yap, in Micronesia.

The Native American materials date to the 1850s, when the early Smithsonian mailed questionnaires to army forts and trading posts on the western frontier, asking settlers and travelers to compile word lists so the young United States could learn and preserve indigenous languages whose future, even then, was threatened. These fill-in-the-blanks circulars start with nouns ("God," "devil" and "angel" are the first three queries) and move on to verbs, adjectives, adverbs and prepositions. One 1852 form offered more than 300 entries transcribed from the language spoken by the Ojibwa, or Chippewa, who

lived in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ontario.

When Baldwin began studying Miami in the early 1990s, few scholars knew about the extent of the archives, or even of its existence. Today, encouraged by Smithsonian staff and their own leaders, Native Americans from across the country are visiting it to learn about their language and heritage.

"Language is not just one thing. It has a cultural and community context," Baldwin said. "We have to get the knowledge to the community, and the archives are the historical repository where you can find all the different resources."

Today Baldwin directs a Miami language and cultural institute, the Myaamia Cen-

ter, at Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio, and is closely allied with the Smithsonian in the National Museum of Natural History's Recovering Voices program, which promotes the archives as a tool in restoring and revitalizing native languages.

Recovering Voices organizes a biennial workshop for around 60 Native American delegates to learn about the archives and attend seminars on how to use linguistics as a teaching aid. Last year, 19 tribes sent representatives, including the Miwok and Maidu, from central California; the Pawnee, from Kansas and Nebraska; the Powhatan, from Virginia; and the Nipmuck, from Massachusetts.

The archives constantly receive material. Each addition offers new insights, some of which have nothing to do with language.

When head archivist Gina Rappaport examined 700 photographic negatives from Edward S. Curtis' iconic 20-volume "The North American Indian," completed in 1930, she found that Curtis, primarily an art photographer, had doctored some negatives to remove troublesome but revealing incongruities. The raw negative of one famous image showed a Hopi woman standing on top of an adobe building holding an open umbrella. The printed photo had no umbrella. Another negative showed two men in ceremonial dress with an alarm clock on the ground between them. In the published photo, the alarm clock had disappeared.

The core of the archives are collections gathered by such tireless researchers as John Peabody Harrington, whose work takes up 683 feet of shelf space and has information on more than 130 indigenous languages he documented in the early and mid-1900s for the Smithsonian's Bureau of American Ethnology. For Baldwin, the key materials were notes and reports by Swiss-born linguist Albert Samuel Gatchett, who, in the years straddling the beginning of the 20th century, documented Miami vocabulary and compiled a grammar.

**Below: A page from Mojave Indian comparative vocabulary from the 1890s. Beginning in the 1850s, the Smithsonian asked army forts and trading posts on the western frontier to compile word lists so the U.S. could preserve indigenous languages.**

Courtesy of National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution





## BOOKS

# Author still marveling at success

## Gillian Flynn tinkering with the plot as she adapts popular novel 'Gone Girl' to screen

By AMY DRISCOLL  
The Miami Herald

With the runaway success of "Gone Girl," Gillian Flynn has arrived.

After more than a year on best-seller lists, her deliciously poisonous ode to a marriage gone bad is heading to the big screen with Ben Affleck starring, David Fincher directing and Flynn writing the screenplay. Her previous novel, "Dark Places," is also being made into a movie, starring Charlize Theron. And she's only written three books.

Gillian, formerly a TV critic for Entertainment Weekly who was laid off in 2008, is now perched atop the literary pile. Two weeks ago at the Key West Literary Seminar, she found herself amid long-established authors who are now easily her peers, such writers as Judy Blume, Sara Paretsky, Carl Hiaasen, Laura Lippman. As fans lined up to talk to her — she god-naturally agreed to a quick video thanking a book club for reading her book — someone thrust a copy of the most recent EW into her hands.

On the cover? "Gone Girl," the movie. Her movie.

"It's insane. It really is," she says with a bemused smile. "I was a very shy and awkward kid. Painfully shy. I always wanted to be a writer, but I wasn't exactly booming with self-confidence. [The Key West Literary Seminar was] one of those times where I wish I could go back and say, 'You're going to meet Judy Blume, and you're going to talk about her books with her. And Joyce Carol Oates. It's gonna be OK, kid. Like, it's going to be all right.'"

It's been more than all right. "Gone Girl" hit a sweet spot in publishing, a suspense novel with such artfully crafted twists and turns that a New York Times reviewer compared the author to legendary psychological thriller writer Patricia Highsmith.

Flynn's pop culture roots are never far from her writing — and that might be why she's been so successful. The basis for "Gone Girl" isn't unique. It's about a marriage that goes horribly, publicly wrong. But Flynn brings a fresh eye to the concept through the use of revenge, secrets and a critical look at the personas we construct for each other and our-



Gillian Flynn

selves. By combining our modern-day, reality-show culture with a universal theme of relationships, she puts her finger on something that resonates.

"There's something to talk about for everyone. The gender roles we play, the domestic roles we play. There's the push and pull between husbands and wives and how do marriages go wrong. I think people are fascinated by that," she says. "You know, people who are in good marriages fear that, because they have seen good

marriages go bad."

She says she has not, despite rumors, completely rewritten the ending for the film.

"You have to dismantle a book in order to put it back together as a movie. And it was fun to take all the different puzzle pieces and figure out what's going to make it in the new puzzle and what can be left behind."

And though she notes she has done a lot of rewriting for the script, "they hired me because they liked the book so ... reports have been greatly exaggerated that everything is completely different."

Flynn knows a lot about the ways popular culture is increasingly creating and manipulating our world. That viewpoint is solidly on display in "Gone Girl."

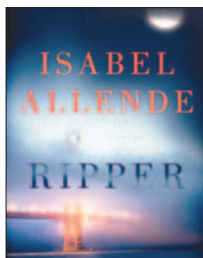
"We're so saturated that we repeat things to each other; the chatter becomes very similar. We use movie references. I remember the first time I saw the Mona Lisa in person and I was like, meh. Because you'd seen it — it's been big jigsaw puzzles. It's been on posters. Like, I waited in line for this. And there are so many things like that, that you've seen so many times."

But she's also quick to recognize the strength of what she calls the "democratization" of culture that allows us to feel OK combining the popular with the classic. When she forgot her book for this trip, for example, she bought two at the airport: Rachel Kushner's "The Flamethrowers" and Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities."

"It's somewhat of a psychotic mix," she jokes. "But there's been a nice democratization — people will not read this highbrow thing. You can acknowledge that more mainstream things are worthwhile."

Flynn still has the eye of a critic, and dislikes anything that feels too calculated.

"I don't read a book on, is it perfectly structured, is it perfectly put together? To me it's, is there a voice, is there a point of view? Do I feel refreshed when I read it and energized, as opposed to feeling that I've read it before but it's been done perfectly? Those are writers where I always feel like they're writing from a genuine place and not pandering to what they think we want."



### Ripper

By Isabel Allende

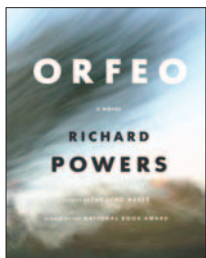
Chilean author Isabel Allende's magical realism approach has earned her lyrical novels such as "The House of the Spirits" and "Of Love and Shadows" critical acclaim and solid spots on best-seller lists.

But Allende's style fails her in her first crime novel, "Ripper" succumbs to an overwrought plot, weak characters and uninteresting details that derail the story.

The meandering plot's conclusion comes not as a compelling reveal but as a preposterous let-down.

Allende's brand of magical realism works well in her other inventive novels, but fails in this sluggish foray into crime fiction.

— Oline H. Cogdill  
Sun Sentinel



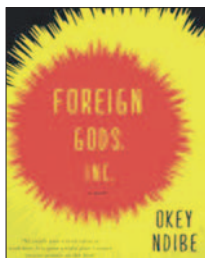
### Orfeo

By Richard Powers

Surging back and forth between Elvis' past and present, "Orfeo" brilliantly captures the utter strangeness of the creative enterprise, the urge to make something out of nothing. Once trained as a cellist, Richard Powers understands that music is, by its very nature, dangerous and subversive. To transcend, you must risk, break rules, court misunderstanding and rejection.

Powers brings his characters to life through vivid dialogue and language sometimes musical and always attentive to detail. Els' first love, Clara, is a sly muse who encourages him to compose. Els' wife, Maddy, pays the price for his commitment to music, then makes him pay with divorce. Their daughter, Sara, shapeshifts from little-girl companion to sulen teenage adversary to devoted middle-age caretaker.

— Dan Cryer/Newsday



### Foreign Gods, Inc.

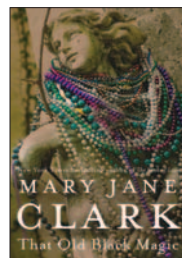
By Okey Ndibe

"Foreign Gods, Inc." is a magnificent fable of a novel.

Okey Ndibe, the author of the previous novel "Arrows of Rain," begins this book in New York, where Ike lives a frustrating existence. He has a degree in economics, but his black African accent prevents him from getting a job in the financial industry. Ndibe's portrait of New York immigrant life is mostly flat and unconvincing. But "Foreign Gods, Inc." springs to life the moment the cab driver Ike lands in Africa.

Consider the wonderful pidgin poetry of the porter who carries Ike's luggage through customs in the Lagos airport. When Ike explains in grammatically correct English that he's not going to bribe the customs agent about to inspect his bags, the porter warns: "Oga, dis no be matter of big grammar. If you blow grammar, customs go vex for you."

— Hector Tobar/LA Times



### That Old Black Magic

By Mary Jane Clark

Cake decorator and amateur sleuth Piper Donovan goes to New Orleans to spend a few pleasant days as a guest baker in a renowned pastry establishment. Instead, she finds herself in the middle of a murder spree.

The Big Easy is the perfect creepy locale for a mystery. Cemeteries have above-ground tombs, and the bakery that Piper is visiting sells voodoo old cookies.

Enhancing the local color are intriguing characters such as a tour guide working on a doctoral dissertation on nursery rhymes and a descendant of a Civil War-era plantation owner.

But who's behind the bloodshed in the city's famed French Quarter? Mary Jane Clark hides the culprit and motive so well that even the seasoned armchair detective might not guess the truth before Piper comes face to face with the murderer.

— Waka Tsunoda/AP



### In the Blood

By Lisa Unger

Lana Granger appears to be running away from a traumatic event in her past. A soon-to-be college graduate, she's in need of extra money and takes a babysitting job for a boy named Luke.

When her best friend, Beck, disappears, the police suspect Granger since she was the last person to see him alive. As the authorities dig deeper, they discover Granger lied about her alibi, and that she has connections to a dead body found a year earlier.

What the police don't understand is that Granger cannot tell the truth about what happened on either of these occasions. The lies have been flowing so constantly they have become truth.

And then Luke begins to show signs of hostility.

Nothing is what it seems as Lisa Unger pulls off some beautiful surprises in this intriguing thriller.

— Jeff Ayers/AP

## LIFESTYLE

An unpaid bill in the online role-playing game "EVE Online" has led to a virtual space battle involving thousands of players with costly losses in real-world money.

CCP GAMES/AP



## ‘EVE Online’

### How a virtual battle cost gamers hundreds of thousands of real dollars

By DERRIK J. LANG  
The Associated Press

**J**ames Carl was asleep when the first shot was fired.

As he slumbered away in Costa Mesa, Calif., the 29-year-old banker's virtual space fleet was under siege early Monday morning in what's become the most destructive and expensive battle in the 10-year history of "EVE Online," the gargantuan online sci-fi video game.

"EVE Online" — with more than 500,000 players from around the world piloting starships, trading goods and engaging in galactic espionage — utilizes its own in-game currency, and Carl expects the damage from Monday's conflict to be the game equivalent of about \$500,000 in real-world cash, based on data compiled from within the game.

The skirmish first erupted after a member of Carl's coalition missed a payment to protect an area that's been used as a staging ground for a war raging between Carl's Pandemic and N3 coalition versus CFC and Russian forces.

"Supposedly, it was set up for auto-pay, just like any other bill in real life, but either that didn't



happen or the money wasn't in the wallet, and then everything just escalated out of control from there," Carl said. "The dust is still settling on that issue. Everyone is just focused right now on fighting to try to regain control of the system."

During Monday's encounter, more than 100 Titan vessels were destroyed. The megaships, which are akin to the Death Star from "Star Wars," are the largest ships in the game and are worth about \$3,000 each in real-world money. The Titans also take months for gamers to build. That's months in real time: a lot of nights, weekends and days-off actually spent constructing the virtual warships.

Carl was awakened by a messaging app on his phone used

by alliance members alerting him that their system B-RSRB was under attack by rivals. He wasn't scheduled to work in real life Monday, so he spent the entire day sending virtual ships into the fray. He said dozens of his alliance members took off work to join the fight, which is being waged by more than 4,000 players — and spectated by thousands more on the game streaming service Twitch.

It's an unprecedented battle unique to "EVE," which simulates a universe of more than 7,000 stars and whose virtual economy is linked to real-world money.

"I'd be lying if I said our servers weren't sweating a bit," said "EVE Online" spokesman Ned Coker of CCP Games, the Reyk-



javik, Iceland-based video game developer who created the online universe. "Allowing players free movement wherever they want in a game with over half a million players means for some pretty tricky technological requirements."

To compensate for thousands of starship captains battling each other online, Coker said CCP Games instituted what it calls "time dilation," which slows down the game's servers to about 10 percent of normal time, so players aren't dropped and their commands are issued in the order in which they were received. Carl said it has made for a massive but slow battle.

"In many ways it's a quintessential sci-fi experience, where thousands of people from all

around the globe are waging a huge conflict that will have real repercussions on the politics, economy and social structures of a virtual universe," Coker said.

The real-world value of "EVE" currency is based on an actual exchange rate set within the game, but the primary basis for value in the game's virtual economy is the time and skill that gamers put into such concepts as the mining of minerals, the selling of goods and services, or the stealing of goods and money — just don't get caught.

However, if players want a shortcut, they can put real-world money into the game to buy "EVE" currency and equipment, as determined by the exchange rate, but the money can only be exchanged from real to virtual.

Meanwhile, Carl is optimistic his coalition will recover from the latest "EVE" upheaval.

"It looks like CFC is winning, but we're hoping now that all of our U.S. players are online, we'll turn the tide," Carl said.

"Whatever happens, we'll keep going. 'EVE' is a universe full of grudges and constantly changing politics. If we were to lose, we'll rebuild. Then, we'll go back and start another war."



## VIDEO GAMES



## 'Candy Crush Saga': A user's tale of addiction

By BARBARA ORTUTAY  
The Associated Press

**M**any people remember where they were when man first walked on the moon. I remember where I was when I passed Level 86 of "Candy Crush Saga," the maddeningly addictive game that involves matching bright-hued virtual candies to have them disappear, only to be replaced by more.

I had spent nearly two weeks trying to complete that level over the holidays — on the plane, on the subway, in the car with my family. I was matching candies in bed when I first woke up and before falling asleep. I tried to conquer the sweets on the couch when I should have been wrapping presents. I even brought my phone, um, to the toilet. Don't you?

So it was a moment to remember when, walking up the stairs at the Columbus Circle subway stop in New York City during a slushy January commute, the words "sugar crush" appeared on my screen, signaling that I had passed Level 86. In my head, fellow commuters stopped in their path to cheer my accomplishment. I am not sure this was actually the case.

I'm on Level 95 now. There are currently about 500 levels, but more are constantly being added. It recalls Sisyphus, the mythical Greek king forced by the deities to roll a stone up a mountain, only to see it fall back down. Forever.

I'm reading less and spending less time with friends and family, but I keep telling myself that I can quit any time. Really, I can. All it takes is holding a finger on the "Candy Crush" app for a few seconds until a black "x" appears on the top left corner. Then it's one tap to delete. Any time.

The other day, a friend and I spent a

pleasant evening drinking wine and sharing empanadas at a cozy Chilean bar. Afterward, we boarded the subway and she declared it was "'Candy Crush' time!" I felt a sense of relief and a tingling rush course through my body. We sat in silence, crushing candies until we got to our respective stops.

### How did it come to this?

It started innocently enough. Preparing for a long bus ride from New York to Philadelphia in November, I downloaded "Candy Crush" after months of mocking people who play it. I'd encounter them on my morning commute, methodically tapping their phones while I occupied myself with more highbrow activities, such as scanning through the day's news or reading a book.

Not anymore. I'm on Team Candy now.

The other day, a guy sat next to me on the subway. There was no secret handshake. He simply glanced at my phone and exclaimed "Daaaaang, that 'Candy Crush,' huh?" I said yes, no kidding.

I saw that I was ahead of him in the number of levels completed and therefore was a better and more successful human being. "Just wait 'til you get to Level 86," I warned. I thought to myself after he left, wait until you get to the chocolate, which spreads like the plague until you run out of room to crush more candy.

The game is free. The first few levels are easy while you get the hang of things. Swipe with a finger to line up three, four or five candies in a row, and they disappear. There are ways to create special candies with special powers that do special things.

The best one comes after you line up five of the same color. It's often called the color bomb. It's a chocolate ball with sprinkles.

Swipe it against any other candy, and it will shoot every other candy of that color into the netherworld. Poof.

You get five lives, five chances to fail. There are a few options to get more, including asking your Facebook friends (no, thanks), paying for more (no, thanks), or waiting. In 30 minutes, you get a new life.

I have not spent any money so far, tempted as I have been. You have to draw the line somewhere.

I play on my iPhone, although there are versions available for Android and Facebook. A Web version pits you against strangers online. I sometimes resort to that when I'm out of lives on the iPhone.

### Descent into the vortex

There are plenty of other addictive mobile games out there. There's "Tetris," of course, which I played on my brother's GameBoy back in the day. There's "Bejeweled," but the sparkly gems never held the same appeal for me as "Candy Crush." And I don't even like candy.

I'm not alone. "Candy Crush" was the most downloaded free app on both iPhones and iPads in 2013, beating Facebook, Google Maps and YouTube.

It's also the app that made the most money on both. Put another way, even with cheapies like me, plenty of players are spending the 99 cents here and there to get more lives or other perks. It's also the No. 1 application on Facebook going by both monthly and daily users, according to research firm AppData.

There are thousands of guides, cheats and in-depth tips online by people who make my obsession with the game seem like child's play.

Good luck. Now if you'll excuse me, I am one quest away from Level 96.

Developed for Facebook and smartphones, "Candy Crush Saga" is the maddeningly addictive game that involves matching bright-hued virtual candies in a row to have them disappear, only to be replaced by more.

CANDY CRUSH/AP





# LIFESTYLE

## SPOUSE CALLS



Photos courtesy of Carrie Waller

**Clockwise from left: Military wife and watercolor artist Carrie Waller, inset. She painted "Love Letters" while her husband was deployed to Afghanistan in 2012. The painting features a photo she took of her husband holding their son's hand the day he left.**

**"Elephant Walk" commemorates the C17 elephant walk in Charleston, S.C., while the family was stationed there in 2013.**

**Waller experiments with light and shadows in "Incandescent."**

# Drawing from life

## Military wife builds artistic career with each new experience, location

Carrie Waller's life as a military wife will never paint her art career into a corner. The interior decorator, mural painter, art teacher, blogger, watercolorist and mom to two little boys seeks new outlets for her talent wherever she goes.

"I decided I would do something creative, always," Waller said, and she has. Creative thinking is as integral to her career pursuits as it is to her artwork.

When she married her Air Force husband, she gave up an interior design job to relocate to Ramstein Air Base, but she held on to her ambitions.

"I wouldn't ever have passed up moving to Germany," she said. "My career just took a whole different trajectory."

Interior design positions were predictably scarce on base, she

said, so she became an art teacher and muralist. She taught painting through youth programs, the skills center and to home-schooled students. She signed an Army contract to paint murals at base facilities.

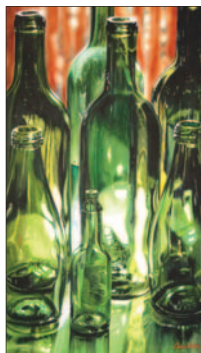
"I realized I can make my own thing," she said. "I was proud of myself for figuring out my own way without relying on my husband or waiting for a GS position to open up."

By the time she moved again, Waller had learned opportunities were abundant for artists with initiative. She waited for weeks to move into her house in South Carolina, but she didn't sit around waiting for a job.

"Day 1 at the hotel, I'm looking in the phone book for mural artists and immediately went to work for a lady and became a partner in a mural business," Waller said.

"I was painting murals in dream homes on the beach. It was pretty amazing. I loved that experience."

Two babies and a few assignments later, Waller wanted to stay home with her children, so she began painting as a serious pur-



**"I painted this one because I was really interested in painting the light coming through all of the green bottles," said Waller of her painting "Going Green." "I loved the stained glass effect and the different shapes and colors that resulted."**

suit. She focused on watercolor, created a home studio and began blogging about her artwork.

"I was at home with two little kids, and I had no art friends,"

she explained. "I starting reaching out to moms who were artists."

The blog had another purpose too: connecting her with opportunities to show and market her paintings.

"To sell your work you need to have some kind of bond. People want to know you," Waller said.

Marketing is especially important for an artist who has to re-establish herself in a new community every few years. Waller said having a professional online presence as an artist, utilizing social media and proactively creating contacts are essential.

"You have to start immediately," she said. "I don't care if you're still in boxes, start searching out art organizations. Search out galleries."

"Make a list, start at Day 1 of what you would like to accomplish. I research everything before we're even there. Start contacting artists in that area. Don't be afraid to reach out."

Waller's method shows impressive results. Her website includes a list of art magazines that have published her paintings and international shows where her work has won awards. Last year she curated a show in Washington, D.C., of artwork by military spouses.

Waller said the mobility of mil-

itary life has shaped her career for the better.

"It has pushed me to think outside of where I am," she said. "I figure out the best opportunities, locally, nationally and internationally."

"Just like with moving all the time you have a larger world view. That's what it's given me in the art world, a larger world view, and I just go for it."

Waller said she likes to take ordinary objects and make them extraordinary in her watercolor paintings.

Her paintings are often domestic — glass bottles, toys and books, even light bulbs — and she said her subject matter and inspirations change with each place she calls home and with each season of her life.

"Everywhere we go there are different places, different inspirations, different artists. We're about to move to Japan. I'm really excited about what that's going to mean," she said.

"Everywhere I go, I hope it sends me in a whole new direction that I wouldn't have ever thought of before."

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Terri Barnes

## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS

## Free fitness

Supplement your workout with these exercises

By LESLIE BARKER  
The Dallas Morning News

**G**otta love January. Beguiling and bewitching, she beckons with possibilities of fitness, of health, of habits broken and of others made. For some, it brings the elusive hope of something that will help us achieve those goals:

The one perfect exercise.

It works every muscle! It's user-friendly! Improves cardio! Makes you look buff!

It's a tantalizing idea, but it's not gonna happen, says Dr. Benjamin Levine, director of the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine at Texas Health Presbyterian. "It would be naive to assume one perfect exercise could do it all."

So does that call for packing up your gym bag or relegating your Christmas workout shoes to the corner? Of course not — no more than you'd eliminate a favorite and seemingly perfect meal from your

diet because it didn't contain all the proper food groups.

Instead, think smorgasbord based on your own personal aspirations, Levine says.

"People have multiple goals that are important to them individually — endurance, strength, muscle tone, mortality, functional capacity, competitiveness. They're all very reasonable," Levine says.

"You get yourself in more trouble worrying whether one is better than the other," he says, "rather than how to work a variety into your life."

That doesn't mean a committed fit person doesn't have favorites. So we asked Dallas-area trainers what they'd deem the most (or at least closest-to) perfect exercise.

They stressed to learn proper technique; otherwise, the exercise can do more harm than good. Plus, they agreed that you need to make them part — not all — of your workout.



## BURPEE

**The pro:** Jonathan Pylant, director of DFW and San Antonio Camp Gladiator boot camps (Further support comes from theaerofitness.com website, which calls burpee "the one exercise to rule them all.")

**The reason:** It works four major areas of the body: the front region (chest and shoulders); posterior chain (back, glutes, hamstrings); core (front and back); and legs, he says. Adding a pushup also helps work arms.



**How to do it:** Stand straight, arms at sides. Bend your knees and lean forward slightly, putting your hands on the ground in front of you. Kick your legs behind you so you're in plank position. Add a pushup if you'd like, then kick your legs so your knees are under you. Throw your arms above your head and jump, returning to starting position.

**Variation:** While in plank position, with legs either straight or bent, add a push-up. To tone it down a little, instead of kicking both legs back, move one at a time.



## LUNGE

**The pro:** Lee Goggin, personal trainer at SWEAT gym

**The reason:** It uses a large number of muscles and joints, strengthening hamstrings, glutes, quadriceps, hip adductors, ankles, knees and hips. It can be done anywhere and is one of the most versatile exercises you can have in your toolbox, he says.

**How to do it:** Stand straight, hands on hips. Bending your right knee, take a big step forward so your knee is over the middle of your foot; do not bring your knee past your toe. Keeping your back straight and shoulder blades pulled together, lean forward.

When you're in position, push up on your right leg slowly into standing position, keeping your foot flat on the ground. In a smooth motion, stand up and repeat on the other side.

**Variations:** Do them going up stairs. Or hold a weight or kettle bell in the opposite hand of your bent leg.

## PUSHUP

**The pro:** Ryan Lehman, personal trainer and Pilates instructor at Studio 6

**The reason:** It's an "essential exercise" that works the full body, he says.

**How to do it:** Position your body on the floor so your elbows are bent, your hands under your shoulders, your legs back and your belly drawn in. Slowly lower yourself to the ground and use your arms to push yourself up.

**Variations:** Keep elbows wide or tight; hands wide or together. Or stagger your hands so one is lower than the other. Modify by doing them on your knees or off a counter. Make them tougher by using only one arm or leg, or clap between each.



## PLANK

**The pro:** Erin Bedell, personal trainer at SWEAT

**The reason:** It generates core strength in the abdominals, hip flexors and back. With a few tweaks, it can be versatile.

**How to do it:** Get in push-up position, keeping your body in a straight line and your elbows

straight. "Make sure you are pulling your belly button in and that your head and neck are in correct alignment. Hold for 30 seconds and build up to a minute."

**Variations:** Bend your elbows, lower to your forearms and hold. "From there, the possibilities are endless: planks with leg lifts, plank to pushup position, planks with hip raises," she says.

## EXHALATION SQUAT

**The pro:** Bill Neal, professor of physical education at Richland College

**The reason:** You're using your center of gravity, he says. "That's your power source."

**How to do it:** To do this variation on a traditional squat, exhale completely. Then, holding your arms straight in front of you and keeping your feet shoulder-width apart, bend your knees as you lower your body. Go as deeply as you can, keeping your feet flat on the ground and knees facing forward. Then use your pelvis, not your quadriceps, to raise your body to standing position.

The exhalation squat helps open your hip flexors, which can help prevent such issues as knee and prostate problems, he says.

**Variations:** Use a countertop or chair for balance.

**Jonathan Pylant, director of DFW and San Antonio Camp Gladiator boot camps, both based in Texas, demonstrates a series of exercises — which can be done anywhere — that can be used to supplement most workout routines.**

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# Yahoo email names, passwords stolen

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# OPINION

## Still stuck in a permanent war economy

By MIRIAM PEMBERTON

During his Big Picture speech, President Barack Obama gave a major milestone short shrift. Obama, a man who cares deeply about history, glided rapidly past the biggest historic shift of his presidency. During the waning minutes of his State of the Union address, he mentioned that he's engineering an end to the longest war in our history. His administration, he noted, is now overseeing an end to what Obama called our "permanent war footing." It's hardly surprising that he devoted the bulk of the speech not to this historic moment but to our economic troubles. His citizens are war-weary and economically worried.

But the speech never connected these things. Ending wars means we get to shift military resources to other things we've been neglecting. That's what it has meant, at least, in every war the United States has waged — possibly until now.

Somewhere in the budget Obama just signed, spending on those wars we're winding down went — up? Though we'll have half as many troops in Afghanistan this year as we had last year, the war budget — mind-numbingly branded as "Overseas Contingency Operations" in Pentagon-speak — will get more dollars in it than it had in 2013. The cuts to the Pentagon's "regular" (nonwar) budget from the Budget Control Act and sequestration are creating a military downsizing, of a sort. But the recent budget deal wiped away some of those cuts for the next couple of years. And as for the postwar defense downsizing that we've had after every one of our wars? Not so much this time.

### Ending wars means we get to shift military resources to other things we've been neglecting.

Adjusting for inflation, we'll be spending more on the Pentagon budget this year than at almost any time during the Cold War. Only a couple of years at the peak of the Reagan buildup took us any higher.

This is military downsizing hardly worthy of the name. Barely \$5 billion will come out of a weapons budget of nearly \$100 billion this year. And the list of neglected needs that could really use the savings generated by a real Pentagon downsizing is long. It includes the kinds of investments that will make our economy as a whole more productive: repaired infrastructure, a better educated, healthier workforce, and a transition to sustainably clean energy and transportation.

That's what's missing from this picture.

The end to our "permanent war footing" isn't putting much of a dent in our permanent war economy. As we end the longest period of war in our history, we watch the military contracting industry's profit margins and stock prices continue to soar. New money is providing those contractors the means to rush into production new weapon systems we don't need. Topping the list is the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the most expensive weapons program ever undertaken in world history.

Military experts from across the politi-

cal spectrum — right (American Enterprise Institute), left (Center for American Progress), and center (Center for a New American Security) to name a very few — have questioned the F-35's need, performance and hidden costs. All told, the Pentagon estimates that this stealth jet will cost taxpayers a total of \$1.5 trillion.

The major F-35 contractors have played the trump card, though, overruling these concerns with nearly \$11 million in campaign contributions since 2011 doled out to the members of Congress on the key committees who decide its fate. Obama, of course, discussed none of this in his State of the Union address. Instead, he talked about his plans for creating hubs around the country supporting manufacturing innovation — creating the jobs of the future building things we do need.

In his 2013 State of the Union address, he talked about setting up 15 of these hubs. There are only two so far, one in Ohio and another in North Carolina, working on developing new technologies for 3-D printing and energy efficiency. His more expansive plan has been slowed by, you guessed it, a lack of money. The end to what Obama calls our permanent war footing must be accompanied by the end to our permanent war economy. If he wants to realize his goals for our economic prosperity, he'll need to remember, and to fight, to keep them connected.

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## Paul unfairly judging long-term job hunters

By ANNE MICHAUD

Newsday

When leading libertarian Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., says extending unemployment benefits discourages people from taking a job, he's right. Many economists back him up. People have been out of work 7 percent longer after the Great Recession, according to one study, because of the federal extension that allowed benefits for 99 weeks.

But what Paul doesn't want to understand is that 7 percent of a job search — an extra 3.6 weeks in a year — might be the smartest investment a family can make in its future.

My husband was out of work during the 2001 recession for — well, let's say he fell into the category of "long-term" unemployed — more than six months, the same as 4 million Americans today.

Saying that halting unemployment checks at six months would give these 4 million an incentive to work — even at a lower salary or a lesser job — sounds like an accusation of laziness. Maybe she's taking a six-month vacation and will only get serious about work when the checks stop. Maybe he's spending a half-hour a day shooting out resumes on Monster.com, and then retreating to the couch for "Judge Judy."

Perhaps some tough love, Rand-style, is what's called for.

But I remember my husband Dan's months out of work as a diligent searcher. If it hadn't been, we might not be married today. We had two preschool-age daughters, and my newspaper salary wasn't going to pay the mortgage. We didn't have much savings, and our families couldn't help other than to take us in if we lost our home.

We began making decisions in the context of when Dan might find work. Our 4-year-old was in a Montessori preschool; there was no public preschool. Should we take her out, save the tuition, and maybe extend our savings another few weeks? We value education — Dan and I both have master's degrees and were paying off student loans. I wanted our daughters to have a good start.

Sometimes, we'd see an ad for a handyman — Dan has those skills — and we'd consider whether he should forget about his MBA and take up work with less earning potential. There would be security in that. But day care for our daughters would have eaten up most of one of our paychecks. And we would have had to sell our home — losing neighbors and changing schools and routines.

So, we held off. Eventually, Dan found a good job, and a decade later, we're fine: paying taxes, employing baby sitters, buy-

ing lacrosse sticks and music lessons, saving for retirement.

But it resonates with me when I read reports from the Urban Institute and Pew Research Center on the financial and personal costs for the long-term unemployed: about 10 percent file for bankruptcy; 40 percent say they've lost self-respect; nearly half say joblessness has put a strain on family relationships; more than half put off medical care.

Conservatives have been citing North Carolina as an example of how to get people back to work. In June, the state's GOP-led Legislature reduced the maximum number of weeks of benefits from 63 to 19. By October, the state unemployment rate had fallen from 8.8 percent to 8 percent. A victory?

Not quite. According to Politifact.com, while the number of unemployed North Carolinians fell by 44,558, the number of jobs increased by just 1,902. In other words, most of the decline in the jobless rate was because people had "dropped out" of the job market.

I always wonder, where do those people drop to? Thanks to the extended unemployment benefits in the early 2000s, I didn't have to find out through personal experience.

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## OPINION

## Me-first IOC again subverts Olympic spirit

By DAN K. THOMASSON  
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WASHINGTON

Thanks to President Jimmy Carter, the last time Russia hosted the Olympics, the United States didn't participate, depriving America's finely honed athletes the one opportunity many of them would ever have to enjoy the thrill of taking part in the games.

Now as Sochi looms, the descendants of those unfortunates may fervently wish they were going somewhere else to show off their winter skills, and that goes for their individual cheering sections as well. Some may even be wondering if Carter's boycott was so bad after all. The possibility of terrorist violence has forced loved ones and friends of U.S. team members to reassess their plans for traveling, a few at the suggestion of the participants themselves.

Whether the thousands of security personnel and frantic efforts to meet the logistical challenges of evacuation can beat back the threat swirling around the venues where thousands of the world's finest will be put through their paces is problematic. Even if the answer is a resounding yes as we fervently hope, the atmosphere is hardly what these games symbolize — a place for peaceful and exuberant competition between friends and even enemies.

These games are supposed to be an exhibition of the best we humans have to offer — the one chance to come together in a spirit that reflects the "Ode to Joy" theme music that blankets them. Instead an air of oppression is what one can expect if he decides that all the media hype about potential tragedy is over the top. If athletes can't venture beyond the Olympic Village

or venue in their colorful garb and must always be accompanied by teams of heavily armed guards, then what is the worth of all this?

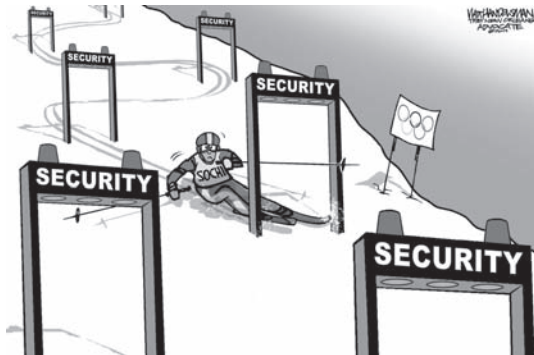
Who's to blame for this travesty? Why it's none other than the International Olympic Committee, which is populated by mental midgets. Choosing a site well known for its violence and in the middle of a virtual war zone is indisputable testimony to that. But the good old IOC — the governing board that is supposed to be apolitical but never has been — seems to care little about much more than its own aggrandizement and, of course, money.

Attending the Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, a few years back, it quickly became obvious that the site was chosen not for its accessibility, which was utterly absurd, but for what it could bring to the table in terms of willingness to hock its future to build facilities that never again would be in great demand.

Those facilities were notoriously small in terms of seating capacity. Attendance by other than the Japanese was limited.

Not only were the Japanese Alps noted for their fickleness when it comes to snow for the ski events, they are a long drive from Nagano, which is hours away from Tokyo. Along the way one could see hotels owned by a billionaire supporter of the IOC whose contribution to the games included a monument to the organization's chairman. The hotels were full, of course.

Ironically, when the principals of the Salt Lake City site for the Winter Games showed that they understood what it took to win the IOC's selection roulette, they not only had personal bad fortune they were accused of lacking the integrity for such an undertaking. Mitt Romney came dashing



to the rescue to straighten out things and to give his political aspirations a significant boost.

Many years ago, the IOC chose Denver as the winter site only to meet overwhelming opposition as things progressed. A campaign headed by a courageous young newspaperman, Michael Balle Howard, editor of the Rocky Mountain News, showed just how debilitating both to the environment and the city's finances the spectacle would be. For the first time perhaps in its history, the IOC was forced to cancel the site and choose another.

Vladimir Putin has promised that his troops can provide the security needed.

But again it is fair to ask at what cost — both in respect to the image and economics of this enormous event. U.S. taxpayers will foot the bill for a sizable security effort including military ships for the possible evacuation of 10,000 Americans.

Unfortunately, the condition of the world today demands security not needed in the past. The tragedy of the Munich summer games and the slaughter of the Israeli team made that the case forever. How foolish it was for the IOC to have gone looking for disaster.

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## 3 years later, hope of Tahrir Square revolt is gone

By TRUDY RUBIN

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Last weekend marked the third anniversary of the Tahrir Square revolt in Egypt.

It's hard to recall the incredible exhilaration of those days, when I witnessed firsthand Facebook-savvy activists rallied millions to the square with calls to end police brutality and oust a military-backed dictator.

In 36 months, the counterrevolution has come full circle. Several key leaders of the Jan. 25, 2011, protest, including April 6 movement co-founder Ahmed Maher, have been sentenced to three years in jail at hard labor. Police brutality is back, but government-controlled media and TV label anyone who criticizes the police or military as traitors.

How did such a hopeful moment turn so sour? Here are some observations from a trip to Cairo in December, and conversations since.

First, Facebook alone does not make a revolution. Liberal Facebook activists such as Maher were able to rally urban, educated crowds. But they were unable, or unwilling, to organize among the poor and less educated in rural Egypt, where shoe leather was needed. Nor were they able to organize strong political parties to counter well-organized Islamists. As the 25-year-old liberal activist Mohebi Doss told me over coffee in the legendary intellectuals' Cafe Riche in Cairo: "The Muslim Brotherhood succeeded in reaching power because of liberals' mistakes."

Since the Muslim Brotherhood had frightened many Egyptians by seek-



Ann Naum/AP

An Egyptian woman wears a picture of Defense Minister Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi at a pro-military rally marking the third anniversary of the uprising in Cairo's Tahrir Square on Jan. 25.

ing to monopolize power and Islamize society, young activists again tried to unseat a government with street protests. Doss was one of five founders of the group Tamarod (Rebel), which campaigned to gather 15 million signatures calling for the resignation of elected President Mohammed Morsi, a Brotherhood member. "We had to do this way," says Doss, "because we couldn't defeat the Brotherhood in elections."

Military officials, sensing the public's dissatisfaction with Morsi, helped organize and publicize the Tamarod campaign, which included a massive anti-Morsi demonstration. Tamarod provided the generals with the cover to oust the president last summer and reinvent themselves as the heroes of the Egyptian revolt.

Third, most — but not all — liberals welcomed the army's soft coup despite its brutal crackdown on the Brotherhood, in which hundreds were killed and thousands arrested. Conscious of their political weakness, liberals hope the army will move the country back toward democracy in coming elections. However, a new constitution strengthens the power of security services. And public adulation for Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who removed Morsi, may ensure he is elected as the next president.

Fourth, the military and police seemed bent on ensuring that the Egyptian street — so powerfully mobilized by the Tahrir revolt — will not unseat another government.

As a result, liberal activists who have dared to raise human-rights objections to military behavior or new curbs on street protests have found themselves in the cross hairs. Maher, who has met with prominent leaders in Europe, America and Asia, and was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, is now locked up in a freezing cell in solitary confinement.

In January legal charges were also brought against prominent liberal political scientist and ex-parliamentarian Amir Hamzawy, and the well-known scholar Emad Shahin, who were among the few public critics of the bloody crackdown on the Brotherhood. Those who know the men well — and I am familiar with both — call

the charges laughable, if not absurd.

Meantime, state media continue to defame onetime rebel icons, claiming that the Tahrir Square revolt was really organized by "foreign hands" and Maher and colleagues were foreign agents. (They also accuse the Brotherhood of terrorism; regardless of the group's mistakes, these charges have little or no basis in fact, according to top terrorism experts.) In a country where many have no access to the Internet, state TV is a powerful tool for selling the new narrative. In addition, pesky foreign journalists are being jailed.

Even Khalid Saeed, the young man whose brutal death at police hands in Alexandria sparked the original Tahrir revolt, is no longer sacrosanct. I was told by one military source in Cairo, "Don't be fooled into believing Saeed was a good guy."

"Our own history is being rewritten by an alternative reality," says Hossam Baghat, one of the most courageous human-rights advocates in Cairo. "And this rewriting of history is relentless."

However, as Baghat points out, public opinion is very fluid. If Egyptians elect el-Sissi as president, they will eventually judge him not on his current hero status but on whether the economy gets better.

If he fails to deliver, we will see whether the spirit of Tahrir lives on and people dare to return to the streets to demand a different leader. Or, even more important, whether the heirs of Tahrir have been able to organize an independent political party, and whether such a party can — or is permitted to — win.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

# McIlroy retakes outright lead at Dubai

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Rory McIlroy hit wedge into 5 feet for birdie on the 18th hole for a 2-under 70 to regain the outright lead in the Dubai Desert Classic on Friday.

The chief challenge for McIlroy came from an American — but it wasn't Tiger Woods.

Brooks Koepka, who earned his European Tour card last year by winning three times on the Challenge Tour, made seven birdies against no bogeys for a 65 that left him one shot behind McIlroy going into the weekend.

Woods, meanwhile, hit only four fairways and had to rely on some key putts to salvage a 73. He was in a tie for 44th, eight shots out of the lead.

McIlroy was at 11-under 133.

He appeared to be in control at Emirates Golf Club, leading by three shots after his birdie at No. 10. But he drove wildly into the waste area on the par-5 13th and the par-4 16th holes, both leading to bogeys, before recovering on the 18th.

"It was nice to birdie the last and at least give myself a one-shot lead going into tomorrow," McIlroy said. "I will just go back tonight and sort of regroup and realize I am still leading the tournament. I was more frustrated on the back nine, as the back nine is where you want to build your score after playing the harder front nine."

Danny Willett of England, who began his week by jumping out of a plane at 13,000 feet, had a 65 and shared third place with Damien McGrane of Ireland (70) and Julienquesne of France (70).

In other golf news:

■ Former Auburn and LPGA player Danielle Downey has died in a single-car accident. She was 33.

Downey lost control on Lee Road 57, the car overturned several times and she was ejected at about 10 p.m. Thursday, Lee County Coroner Bill Harris said Friday. Harris said she was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

Downey was in her second season as Auburn's director of golf operations. She filled in for coach Kim Evans during the 2012-13 season after Evans was diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

"I'm absolutely devastated," Evans said. "Danielle meant so much to me, the girls and this program. Not only did she give much of her life to Auburn as a student-athlete and as a mentor to these young women, but she was so instrumental to this team during some tough times over the past year."

■ Native of Rochester, N.Y., Downey was a three-time All-American who finished second in the 2002 NCAA tournament.

Downey had seven top-10 finishes and one tournament victory on the Futures Tour. She finished in the money 15 times on the LPGA Tour from 2006 through 2010, including a career-best fourth at the 2008 Bell Micro LPGA Classic.



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Rory McIlroy follows his ball on the 18th hole during the second round of the Dubai Desert Classic in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. McIlroy reclaimed the outright lead with a 2-under 70 on Friday.

## Blazers, Rockets each get 2 All-Star reserves

NEW YORK — The Portland Trail Blazers and Houston Rockets each had two players picked as reserves for the NBA All-Star game, while the Indiana Pacers had to settle for just Roy Hibbert despite the league's best record.

LaMarcus Aldridge and Damian Lillard made it from the Trail Blazers, who have been among the Western Conference leaders all season.

Dwight Howard, who was passed late in fan voting for a starting spot, was chosen Thursday along with Houston teammate James Harden.

Old reliables Chris Paul, Tony Parker and Dirk Nowitzki round out the West reserves for the Feb. 16 game in New Orleans.

Nowitzki earned his 12th selection, tying him for sixth all-time with nine players.

"I have been a part of All-Star weekend every year since I have been in the league and not being there last year felt strange," Nowitzki said in a statement.

"The Dallas fan base has always been great to me and the Mavericks' organization and the city deserves to be represented at the All-Star game."

The rest of the East reserves are: Miami's Chris Bosh, Washington's John Wall, Toronto's DeMar DeRozan, Brooklyn's Joe Johnson, Chicago's Joakim Noah and Atlanta's Paul Millsap.

Wall is the first Wizards All-

Star since Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison were picked in 2008, the last time the game was in New Orleans.

"I am very proud to represent the Wizards franchise and the city of Washington as an All-Star and to share this honor with the fans who have supported me and stuck by me since I arrived here," said Wall, the No. 1 pick in the 2010 draft.

The Pacers hoped Lance Stephenson, who leads the NBA in triple-doubles, would also be selected to join Hibbert and Paul George, who was voted to start.

The reserves were chosen by the coaches from each conference, who had to vote for two guards, three frontcourt players and two regardless of position. They were not allowed to vote for their own players.

The West ones went for veterans with their choices at guard in Paul, last year's All-Star game MVP from the Los Angeles Clippers, and the Spurs' Parker. That left first-time hopefuls Goran Dragic of Phoenix and Mike Conley Jr. of Memphis home.

The starters were announced last week: Miami's LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, New York's Carmelo Anthony and Cleveland's Kyrie Irving were voted to start along with George.

The fans voted for NBA scoring leader Kevin Durant of Oklahoma City, the Lakers' Kobe Bryant, Golden State's Stephen Curry, Minnesota's Kevin Love and the Clippers' Blake Griffin.

## Avs sign Varlamov to 5-year extension

DENVER — The Colorado Avalanche have signed Russian goaltender Semyon Varlamov to a five-year extension that goes through the 2018-19 season.

The 25-year-old Varlamov is thriving under first-year coach and Hall of Fame goaltender Patrick Roy, posting a 26-9-5 record with a 2.43 goals-against average. He's second in the league in saves

(1,199) this season and his 26 wins already match a career high.

Varlamov was a first-round pick by Washington before being acquired by Colorado in 2011.

He will represent Russia at the Sochi Olympics this month.

In other NHL news:

■ Jay Pandolfo is retiring after 15 seasons in the NHL and two Stanley Cups with the New Jersey Devils.

The 39-year-old forward was born in Burlington, Mass., and also played for the New York Islanders and Boston Bruins.

He announced his retirement Thursday through the NHL Players' Association, saying he was "very fortunate to live my dream of playing in the NHL."

Pandolfo had 100 goals and 126 assists in 899 games. He had 11 goals and 22 assists in 131 career playoff games.

## Michael Young to retire as a Texas Ranger

ARLINGTON, Texas — Infielder Michael Young is retiring after a 13-year major league career, nearly all of it with the Texas Rangers.

The Rangers scheduled a Friday afternoon news conference where the 37-year-old Young was to formally announce his retirement.

The seven-time All-Star retires with a .300 career average and as Texas' his leader with 2,230. He was the 2008 AL Gold Glove at shortstop.

In 12 seasons as a Rangers infielder and designated hitter, Young batted .301 with 415 doubles and 55 triples in 1,823 games and 7,399 at-bats, all franchise records. He also had 177 home runs and 984 RBIs.

In other baseball news:

■ The Royals agreed to terms with left-hander Bruce Chen on a one-year deal Thursday, giving them a veteran pitcher comfortable as a long reliever or in the starting rotation.

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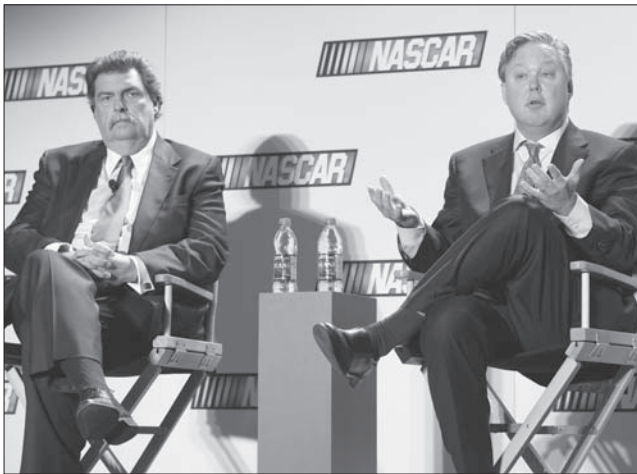
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# AUTO RACING/COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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NASCAR CEO Brian France, right, speaks to the media as NASCAR president Mike Helton, left, listens during a news conference Thursday at the NASCAR Sprint Cup Media Tour in Charlotte, N.C.

## NASCAR creates new championship format

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Say goodbye to the NASCAR era when a driver, fresh off a satisfying, top-10 finish, climbs from the car and raves about what a good point day it was.

Winning is all that matters under the latest and most radical change to the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

NASCAR's overhauled championship format announced Thursday is a 16-driver, winner-take-all elimination system designed to reward "the most worthy, battle-tested" driver at the end of the season.

"Riding around and being pleased because the (previous) format rewards consistency, those days are going to be pretty much over," NASCAR Chairman Brian France said.

The field, expanded from 12 to 16 drivers, will be whittled down to a final four through eliminations after every three races of the 10-race Chase. The remaining four drivers will go into the season finale with an equal chance to win the championship. The first of the four to cross the finish line will be crowned Sprint Cup champion.

"No math. No bonus points. It's as simple as it gets," France said.

It's the fourth change to either the points or championship format since France created the Chase in 2004. For 28 years prior to the Chase, consistency reigned as the champion was the driver with the most points at the end of the season.

That ended a year after Matt Kenseth won the 2003 title with a single victory, and France began his pursuit of creating "Game 7 moments." Along the way, he has pushed his agenda of wanting aggressive drivers chasing wins.

He'll get that under the new format, which makes settling for points pretty much pointless.

**'This is pretty clear: You have to win, you have to compete at a higher level, you have to take more chances.'**

**Brian France**

NASCAR chairman

Why? Because a win in the 26-race regular season virtually guarantees a berth in the Chase. Then, eliminations begin, and a driver can guarantee a trip to the next round with a victory.

Last August, Brad Keselowski chased Kyle Busch around Watkins Glen and declined to aggressively move his rival out of the way. Keselowski settled for second, racing for a good points day and declining to inflame his touchy relationship with Busch. But in doing so, he failed to win a regular-season race and missed the Chase, making him ineligible to defend his title.

Under the new format, a winless Keselowski would have no choice in that same situation but to bang fences with Busch and go after the win.

That's exactly what France wants to see on the track each week.

"This is pretty clear: You have to win, you have to compete at a higher level, you have to take more chances," France said.

France said he expects contact among cars.

"Obviously there are some limits, but that's always part of NASCAR, to have some version of contact late in the race," he said. "Will this bring more of that? I'm sure it will."

The changes were lauded by Julie Sobieski, vice president of league sports programming for ESPN, which will broadcast all 10 Chase races this year.

"We have long felt that there was a greater opportunity within the Chase and are in favor of an elimination format, which has been most effective in American sports," she said.

Teams and drivers were briefed by NASCAR on the changes, and reaction was mostly positive. "This took guts, this is a big deal," said team owner Joe Gibbs, who saw his three Cup drivers combine for a series-best 12 wins last season.

## AP Top 25 roundup

### No. 3 Florida adds to winning streak

The Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Florida's three-point shooting was mediocre and its free-throw percentage was absolutely brutal.

But even when the offense is inconsistent, the third-ranked Gators are still one of the nation's most dominant teams thanks to a defense that never quits.

Casey Prather scored 16 points, Patric Young added 12 and Florida beat Mississippi State 62-51 on Thursday night for its 12th straight victory.

"We can't always control the ball going in the basket," Young said. "But we can control our energy on the defensive end."

And that energy was intense the entire night. Mississippi State shot a respectable 23-for-54 (42.6 percent) from the field, but had to work hard on every possession.

The Bulldogs briefly took a 31-30 lead early in the second half on Gavin Ware's layup, but the Gators (18-2, 7-0 Southeastern Conference) responded with a 16-4 run. Mississippi State couldn't muster the energy for a rally.

It was the 12th time this season Florida held an opponent to 60 points or fewer.

Florida coach Billy Donovan said the key to stopping Mississippi State was keeping it off the free-throw line. The Bulldogs had 117 combined free-throw attempts in three SEC home games this season. They were just 1-for-6 on Thursday.

"A huge key was if we could defend them off the bounce and not foul," Donovan said. "I thought we did a good job there."

Florida's Michael Frazier II had just nine points, but his three three-pointers helped the Gators keep a comfortable lead throughout most of the second half. The 6-foot-4 sophomore missed his first six three-point attempts before the last three dropped.

"When he's open, I want him shooting," Donovan said.

The Gators shot 6-for-20 (30 percent) from three-point range

and 8-for-19 (42.1 percent) on free throws.

Mississippi State (13-7, 3-4) lost for the first time after a dominating conference play. The Bulldogs have lost four straight to the Gators. Colin Borchert scored 15 and Craig Sword 12 for Mississippi State.

**No. 10 Michigan 75, Purdue 66:** Caris LeVert had 14 points and a career-high 11 rebounds for his first career double-double, and the host Wolverines beat the Boilermakers to extend their winning streak to 10.

Nik Stauskas scored 16 points and Derrick Walton added 14 for the Big Ten leaders. Michigan (16-4, 8-0) shot 61 percent from the field against a Purdue team that had held its previous five opponents under 42.

The Boilermakers (13-8, 3-5) were led by A.J. Hammons, who had 16 points and eight rebounds.

Michigan was coming off three straight wins over top-10 teams, and there was no letdown against Purdue.

**No. 13 Cincinnati 69, No. 12 Louisville 66:** Sean Kilpatrick scored 28 points, including six free throws down the stretch that helped the visiting Bearcats rally for a victory over the Cardinals.

Unfazed despite blowing a 17-point lead in the second half, first-place Cincinnati (20-2, 9-0 American Athletic Conference) regrouped to hold Louisville to just two points over the final 5 minutes.

The Bearcats' 13th straight win put them 2½ games ahead of Louisville (17-4, 6-2).

Kilpatrick's late hit free throws provided a cushion after Terry Rozier's two free throws brought Louisville within a point with 7 seconds left. Luke Hancock's three-point attempt in the final seconds missed.

Montrez Harrell had 18 points for the Cardinals, who shot 44 percent (26-for-59) and snapped a four-game winning streak. Hancock and Russ Smith each added 16.



AP photo

Florida forward Casey Prather, right, looks for an open teammate while Mississippi State forward Gavin Ware (20) and guard Craig Sword (32) defend during Thursday's game in Starkville, Miss.



## NBA

## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	24	21	.533	—
Brooklyn	20	23	.465	3
New York	19	27	.413	5½
Philadelphia	15	31	.326	9½
Boston	15	33	.313	10½

Southeast Division				
Miami	32	13	.711	—
Atlanta	23	21	.523	8½
Washington	22	23	.489	10
Charlotte	20	27	.426	13
Orlando	12	35	.255	21

Central Division				
Indiana	35	10	.778	—
Chicago	23	22	.511	12
Detroit	18	27	.400	17
Cleveland	16	30	.348	19½
Milwaukee	8	37	.178	27

## Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	33	13	.717	—
Houston	31	17	.646	3
Dallas	26	21	.553	7½
Memphis	24	20	.545	8
New Orleans	19	26	.422	13½

Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	37	10	.787	—
Portland	33	13	.717	3½
Minnesota	23	22	.511	13
Denver	22	22	.500	13½
Utah	16	29	.356	20

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<b>Pacific Division</b>				
L.A. Clippers	33	16	.673	—
Phoenix	28	18	.609	3½
Golden State	28	19	.596	4
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Sacramento	15	30	.333	16

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## Warriors 111, Clippers 92

**L.A. CLIPPERS** — M.Barnes 0-3 0-0 0, Griffin 11-21 5-10 27, Jordan 3-4 3-9 9, Collison 6-11 7-7 22, Redick 4-11 0-0 12, Ja.Crawford 1-9 7-8 9, Dudley 2-5 0-0 4, W.Green 1-4 0-0 2, Turkoglu 1-5 0-0 2, H.Lins 1-1 0-0 2, Mullens 1-3 0-0 3, Bullock 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-76 22-34 92.

## Golden State

**GOLDEN STATE** — Igoudala 3-7 2-8, Lee 10-15 2-2 22, Bogut 7-11 0-0 14, Curry 8-10 2-2 22, Thompson 6-14 3-4 14, H.Barnes 4-13 2-10 10, Jo.Crawford 1-7 2-2 5, D.Green 1-3 0-2 2, Speights 5-8 2-2 12, Bazemore 0-1 0-0 0, Brooks 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 45-91 15-20 111.

## L.A. Clippers

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## Three-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 8-24

(Redick 4-6, Collison 3-5, Mullens 1-2, W.Green 0-1, M.Barnes 0-1, Bullock 0-1, Turkoglu 0-2, Dudley 0-2, Ja.Crawford 0-1, Golden State 6-21 (Curry 4-4, Thompson 1-3, Jo.Crawford 1-4, Brooks 0-1, Bazemore 0-1, D.Green 0-1, Speights 0-1, H.Barnes 0-3, Igoudala 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 48 (Jordan 20), Golden State 60 (Bogut 17). Assists—L.A. Clippers 17 (Collison 5), Golden State 24 (Curry 7). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 15, Golden State 21. A—19,596 (19,596).

## Knicks 117, Cavaliers 86

**CLEVELAND** — Deng 3-9 6-6 13, Thompson 5-10 2-0 20, Zeller 3-5 2-2 10, 3-5 24, Miles 3-4 0-0 9, Walters 8-15 3-13 31, Bennett 1-6 2-4 4, Clark 1-3 0-0 2, Jack 1-8 1-2 4, Dellavedova 0-2 0-0 0, Gee 0-2 1-2 1, Sims 2-5 0-4 0, Totals 31-87 16-22 86.

## New York

**NEW YORK** — Anthony 8-17 10-12 29, Smith 8-15 1-3 19, Chandler 4-4 3-5 11, Prigioni 0-0 0-0 0, Felton 5-10 2-12 12, Hardaway Jr. 11-17 1-1 29, Tyler 4-6 0-1 0, World Peace 2-4 2-5 5, Murray 1-1 0-0 2, Aldrich 0-1 2-2 2 2, Totals 53-176 11-17 86.

## Cleveland

**Cleveland** — 21 25 29 86-26

## New York

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## Three-Point Goals—Cleveland 8-23

(Miles 3-4, Walters 2-4, Deng 1-2, Jack 1-3, Irving 1-5, Clark 0-1, Bennett 0-2, Dellavedova 0-2), New York 12-26 (Hardaway 6-12, Anthony 3-5, Smith 2-5, World Peace 1-2, Felton 0-2), New York 14, Cleveland 14 (Irving 3), New York 21 (Felton 9).

## Fouls—Cleveland 25, New York 14

Technical—New York defensive three second. A—19,812 (19,763).

## Suns 102, Pacers 94

**PHOENIX** — Tucker 3-8 1-2 7, Frye 3-8 0-0 7, Plumlee 2-8 0-0 4, Dragic 11-21 5-7 28, Green 6-15 2-12 18, Mayo 10-10 5-6 15, Barbosa 3-4 2-2 9, Marc'Morris 17-11 15, Len 0-4 0-0 0, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 39-91 16-20 102.

## Indiana

**INDIANA** — George 9-17 8-12 24, West 8-18 2-18, Hibbert 9-17 8-11 26, G.Hill 8-13 3-4 17, Stephenson 6-12 1-1 14, Scoll 1-5 1-2 3, Frazier 0-3 0-0 0, Indiana 23, Mahmudi 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 38-87 17-24 94.

## Phoenix

**Phoenix** — 19 20 25 102-94

## Three-Point Goals—Phoenix 8-17

(Green 2-3, Mark'Kumppo 1-1, Mayo 1-1, Tucker 0-1), Indiana 1-15 (Stephenson 1-3, West 0-1, Granger 0-1, G.Hill 0-1, Watson 3-3, George 0-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 21 (Hill 10), Indiana 56 (George 12). Assists—Phoenix 18 (Dragic 7), Indiana 15 (Stephenson 10).

Technical—Dragic, Tucker, Phoenix defensive three second. A—16,541 (18,165).



AP Photo

Phoenix guard Goran Dragic, center, shoots between Pacers guard George Hill, left, and forward David West in the first half of Thursday's game in Indianapolis. The Suns won 102-94.

## Roundup

## Dragic, Suns stun Pacers

The Associated Press

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Goran Dragic had 28 points and seven assists and the Phoenix Suns draged the Indiana Pacers just their second home loss of the season with a 102-94 victory Thursday night.

Gerald Green and Marcus Morris scored 16 points apiece to help the Suns win their fourth straight game.

Roy Hibbert had 26 points and David West added 18 for the Pacers (35-10).

Dragic dunked with 44 seconds left to give the Suns a 100-94 and seal the win.

The Suns scored 66 points in the first half—the most given up by the Pacers in a half this season since the Suns scored 62 on Indiana a week ago in a 124-100 win.

**Warriors 111, Clippers 92:** David Lee had 22 points and 11 rebounds and Andrew Bogut grabbed 17 boards to help host Golden State beat Los Angeles.

Stephen Curry scored 22 points and handed out seven assists, and Bogut added 14 points and three blocks as Golden State dominated the paint.

The Warriors outrebounded the Clippers 33 to 34 and outscored them 66 to 22 in the paint.

Blake Griffin finished with 27 points, Brandon Collison scored 22 and DeAndre Jordan grabbed 20 rebounds for Los Angeles, which had won four straight. The Clippers looked worn out after beating Washington on Wednesday night in Los Angeles, dropping to 10-4 since All-Star point guard Chris Paul has been sidelined with a separated right shoulder.

**Knicks 117, Cavaliers 86:** Carmelo Anthony and rookie Tim Hardaway Jr. each scored 29 points, J.R. Smith embarrassed a couple of defenders on his way to 19 and New York beat visiting Cleveland for its third straight victory.

The Knicks led nearly all the way and wrapped up a 10-6 January after going just 9-21 through the end of December. They have rebounded from losing the first three games on their franchise record-tying, eight-game homestand and can finish it with a winning record if they beat Miami on Saturday night.

Kyrie Irving scored 24 points for the Cavs on a day in which his long-term commitment to Cleveland was again questioned.

## Bucks at the bottom, but nowhere to go but up

By GENARO C. ARMAS

The Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE** — After another double-digit loss, Bucks coach Larry Drew received encouraging words from Bucks center-point Doc Rivers. It went along the lines of, "Hang in there, things will get better."

Really, it would be difficult for it to get much worse for Milwaukee, owner of the NBA's worst record.

Injuries from the outbreak disrupted the lineup. The team has transitioned to a full-fledged youth movement. A few veterans have voiced frustration with playing time. "It's tough, but it's called a rebuild," Rivers said this week after Los Angeles' 28-point blowout of the Bucks. "It's hard on the coaches. Every night as a coach, you have to think you are going to win the game and it's hard."

Stopping to talk to an opposing coach usually isn't Drew's postgame routine. But Drew is good friends with Rivers,

and the words meant a lot.

"I'll continue, moving forward, every game we play," Drew said after another loss, 126-117 to Phoenix on Wednesday. "But I will continue to take — even the negatives — and I will try to find the positives from it and try to build and grow from that."

The Bucks were 8-37 entering Friday night's game against the Orlando Magic, the team's worst team in the league with 12 wins.

For now, Milwaukee has the best odds to get the top pick in the talent-rich NBA Draft.

The Bucks have never called this a rebuilding year. Don't use the term "tanking," either.

"Simply, that's not the case," general manager John Hammond said in an interview.

"If you look at our roster and some of the things we did, the players that we signed in the offseason — it was obvious that was not what we were looking to do."

Among the acquisitions was guard O.J. Mayo, signed to a three year, \$24 million deal as a free agent. Veteran Caron Butler was acquired by trade to return to his hometown team.

They joined younger players led by promising center Larry Sanders, 25, signed to a four-year extension worth roughly \$44 million.

They're among the players who have missed time due to injuries. Sanders missed about seven weeks with a thumb injury sustained in a nightclub scrub in November.

Drew has never had a steady roster. Later, shooting has especially been problematic. Growing pains accompany the youth movement.

"But through the circumstances that we're in, we have made more of a com-

mitment to play some young players and get them on the floor. But once again, this is difficult to go through," Hammond said. "And look, we're all looking for that opportunity to get the relief and get the wins, and as I said for people to feel good about themselves when they come to work."

The brightest spots have been the young guys, like first-round draft pick Giannis Antetokounmpo, the youngest player in the league at age 19. He has developed much quicker than anticipated, averaging 7.0 points and 4.7 rebounds per game.

Point guard Brandon Knight, acquired from Detroit in the offseason, has emerged as a scorer (16.1 points). But Knight is still developing as a distributor, and there are questions whether he's better suited to play shooting guard.

"The bright spots, look, these guys are getting an amazing opportunity to get on the floor and play the minutes that they're playing," Hammond said.



## OLYMPICS

## Briefs

## Brazilian Olympian fighting for her life

The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** — A Brazilian gymnast who was expected to compete in freestyle skiing at the Sochi Olympics is unable to move her arms or legs and can't breathe on her own after she hit a tree while skiing in Utah this week, doctors said Thursday.

Lais Souza, 25, is fighting for her life and will definitely miss the Olympics, said Brazilian team doctor Antonio Marttos at a news conference in Salt Lake City.

She was injured Monday when she hit a tree while skiing recreationally in Park City, Utah, in an accident that doctors said could have happened to anybody. She was not injured while practicing her freestyle maneuvers.

Doctors aren't declaring Souza paralyzed at this point, but recognize that's a possibility. She dislocated a vertebrae near the top of her spine, said Dr. Andrew Dailey, a neurosurgeon with University of Utah Health Care. She remains in critical condition, still using a breathing machine and unable to talk.

"She is fighting for her life," said Marttos, a trauma surgeon at the University of Miami Health System.

Souza has no feeling in her arms or legs, said Dailey, who said it's still too soon to know whether she'll regain feeling.

"People can recover, but it simply takes time to know if that's going to happen," said Dailey.

The young Brazilian, who participated in the 2004 and 2008 Summer Olympics as a gymnast, has been skiing for about six months, Marttos said.

Dr. Holly Ledyard, a member of the University of Utah hospital's neuro critical care unit who is overseeing Souza's treatment, said Souza's relative inexperience with the sport of skiing didn't play a role in the accident.



AP photo

University of Utah neurosurgeon Andrew Dailey shows the location of Lais Souza's injury during a news conference at the University of Utah on Thursday in Salt Lake City. Doctors say the Brazilian gymnast expected to compete in freestyle skiing at the Sochi Olympics is unable to move, talk or breathe on her own after an accident this week while skiing in Utah. She was injured Monday when she hit a tree while skiing recreationally in Park City.

## Sweden loses Red Wings' Franzen for Olympics

**DETROIT** — Johan Franzen won't play for Sweden at the Sochi Olympics because of a concussion.

The Detroit Red Wings forward missed a month before returning for one game on Sunday. Franzen played just under 17 minutes and was placed on the injured list again on Tuesday. He also missed time earlier this season with an upper-body injury.

Red Wings teammate Gustav Nyquist, Marcus Johansson of the Washington Capitals and Patrick Hornqvist of the Nashville Predators could replace Franzen on the Swedish roster.

Franzen was one of a handful of players back from the Sweden team that won the gold medal at the 2006 Turin Games. He also represented Sweden in Vancouver in 2010.

## President Obama says Sochi Games are safe

**WASHINGTON** — President Barack Obama says he believes the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, will be safe and is not discouraging Americans from attending.

Obama says Russian authorities "understand the stakes" involved in securing the games and the potential threats against the events. He says the U.S. is coordinating with Russia and officials have looked at the Russian security plans.

Still, Obama says there are "all ways some risks" involved with large international gatherings like the Olympics. And he says he feels better when those types of events are held in the United States because American officials have full control over what happens.



ALESSANDRO TROVATI/AP

Mexico's Hubertus Von Hohenlohe passes a gate during the first run of the men's giant slalom at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics in Whistler, British Columbia. Von Hohenlohe certainly won't be hard to miss on the slopes at the Sochi Games. The German prince, who turns 55 in a few days, will be the one wearing a flamboyant Mariachi speed suit as he competes for Mexico. He's certainly a colorful character. Born in Mexico City, he's royalty because of his family's blood line.

## German prince seeks to stand out on slopes

Von Hohenlohe to represent Mexico for sixth time

BY PAT GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

The German prince who skis for Mexico has a noble ambition in Sochi: Become king of the hill.

Not so much with his finish in the slalom — he has no illusions of winning — but rather through his fashion statement.

Hubertus Von Hohenlohe, who turns 55 on Sunday, wants to stand out on the slopes in his flamboyant mariachi racing suit.

A fitting outfit for a vibrant character. Born in Mexico City, Von Hohenlohe has royal lineage through his family's ties with a former principality in Germany. He's also a singer who's released several albums, photographer whose work has been displayed in galleries and, oh yeah, a soon-to-be six-time Olympian.

That's right, six appearances, beginning with his debut at the 1984 Sarajevo Games. Von Hohenlohe counts Austrian great Franz Klammer as a friend, Bode Miller as an inspiration — "He's a rebel and lives by his own rules," the prince explained — and said this new generation of skiers keeps him young.

"I have had an interesting life," Von Hohenlohe said.

Indeed, No wonder he's referred to as the "most interesting Olympian," a take on the commercial featuring the "most interesting man in the world" character.

"The fact that I have a span of 30 years where I've competed at the Olympics is quite special," he said in a phone interview from his hotel room in Mexico City.

Von Hohenlohe is set to become the second-oldest male competitor at a Winter Games when he races in the slalom on Feb. 22, according to Olympic historian Bill Mallon. The honor of oldest belongs to Carl August Kronlund, a Swedish curler who was 58 when he captured a silver medal at the 1924 Games.

That's a distinction Von Hohenlohe really doesn't want, which is why Sochi will be his last Olympics.

Then again, he said he was retiring after Vancouver, too.

"Maybe I'll try curling and go to a couple more," said Von Hohenlohe, whose grandmother has Mexican ancestry.

In Vancouver four years ago, Von Hohenlohe wore a ski suit that featured a picture of a gun in a holster. He also wore others that tried to promote recycling efforts in Mexico.

This mariachi theme, though,

takes the prize.

"It's an appropriate suit for someone who's not as explosive as the young ones, but has to go down stylish," said Von Hohenlohe, who founded the Mexican Ski Federation in the early '80s.

The charismatic Von Hohenlohe moved to Spain as a kid and then was sent to school in Austria, which he didn't particularly like.

"Dark, depressing, strict and boring," he said. "About the only thing that lit up my life was watching ski racing."

He saw some great ones, too — Jean-Claude Killy and Klammer were his favorites. He even once had a chat with Klammer, telling him he would one day be a racer as well.

Von Hohenlohe remains friends with Klammer. So much so that Von Hohenlohe called him up after a recent crash in which he banged up his calf, just to tell Klammer how much he was hurting (the injury prevented him from qualifying for Sochi in the giant slalom).

"I told Franz, 'I don't know if I can make it,'" Von Hohenlohe said. "Franz is like, 'You're crazy. You have to be the legend.' I'm like, 'Yeah, my legend is on quantity of Olympic starts and yours is on quality.'"



## SUPER BOWL

## Depth: Other teams pick up Seattle castoffs

## FROM BACK PAGE

reserves could be starters on other teams. And there is some proof: In the past year 23 players once with Seattle have spent time on the 53-man roster of other teams.

"It's crazy because we're always saying our backups could be starters. We always say that," strong safety Kam Chancellor said. "Those guys, people don't see this, but in practice those guys play just as good as us. They're making plays, getting the ball. Those guys contribute on special teams. Our special teams are probably one of the best."

"Those guys put in work on special teams and it just goes unseen."

When Carroll and Schneider took over, there was a revolving door of roster moves — 839 in total since before the start of the 2010 season — that followed in an effort to make a roster that was competitive beyond just the starters on each side of the ball. They wanted a depth chart that was the envy of the NFL. They wanted their reserves coveted by other teams. They wanted guys they were going to be released grabbed off the waiver wire the second they were made available.

Seattle got its wish. Of the players released in the past year, five ended up in Jacksonville and four landed in Kansas City.

"John and I have joined together aggressively to compete at every single turn, at every opportunity whatever it may be, to see if there's something in there for us," Carroll said. "He's done a great job of having the competitive will to keep pushing and fighting and clawing and scratching to have the opportunity that has sent us down the road early on with the hundreds of guys that came through the program."

Kearse, Thurmond and Smith are just three examples of players not counted on as full-time starters that have proven invaluable. Seattle's seen contributions from Michael Bowie, Clinton McDonald, Jeremy Lane and Heath Farwell just to name a few more.

Kearse was an undrafted free agent that signed with Seattle in 2012 and became a needed option as a third and fourth receiver this season with Percy Harvin and Sidney Rice suffering through injuries. Kearse finished with 22 receptions and four touchdowns in the regular season, but his biggest catch came in the NFC championship game when his 35-yard TD grab in the fourth quarter gave Seattle a 20-17 lead.

Thurmond missed four games late in the season when he was suspended for violating the league's substance-abuse policy. But he's started three games at cornerback this season and is Seattle's best option as the fifth defensive back covering slot receivers — a big emphasis this week with the amount of times the Broncos throw.

Smith has shown the same kind of versatility at linebacker. He's played both outside spots this season, first when Bruce Irvin was suspended and later when injuries to K.J. Wright and Bobby Wagner forced shuffling.

"Through all the stuff we have gone through there has always been a guy who stepped up and made plays," Wagner said. "Last year it was Walter, this year it was Walter and Maxwell and guys like Malcolm, everybody. We have a bunch of players that if someone went down can step in and do a great job."



AP photo

Seattle running back Marshawn Lynch, left, answers questions with teammate Michael Robinson on Thursday in Jersey City, N.J.

## Five other story lines

## Focus shifts to game

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
The Associated Press

## NEW YORK — Almost there.

The players on the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks can now focus fully on football after they completed their Super Bowl media availability requirements Thursday. Yes, even the not-so-chatty Marshawn Lynch.

"I think it's been what it was expected to be," Seahawks running back Robert Turbin said. "A lot of media, a lot of questions, a lot of cameras, a lot of questions that have nothing to do with the game. You know what I'm saying? It doesn't surprise me at all."

Here's a quick look at a few of the other Super Bowl story lines from Thursday:

**1 Holding pattern:** NFL Players Association Executive Director DeMaurice Smith said that testing for human growth hormone is still being delayed by a disagreement with the NFL over whether the commissioner or a neutral arbitrator will handle certain types of appeals.

The league and the players' union originally paved the way to check for that drug in August 2011. But the union wants someone other than Commissioner Roger Goodell to rule on cases that involve violations of the law or demonstrated use of a performance-enhancing substance without a positive test.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said another outstanding issue is whether a second offense will draw a suspension of eight or 10 games.

**2 Heads up:** The NFL announced that the number of concussions in the game dropped 13 percent from 2012 to 2013.

Using information collected from team doctors during preseason and regular-season practices and games, the NFL also said there was a 23 percent decrease over the past two seasons in the number of concussions caused by helmet-to-helmet contact.

"Our perspective is that rules changes, culture change, the enforcement of the rules and the elimination, over time, of dangerous techniques is leading to a decrease in concussions," said Jeff Miller, the NFL's senior VP of health and safety policy. "Now all of that said, we're talking about a small sample size of only a couple of years."

"This is an ongoing and important culture-change event, and so we're going to continue to analyze it and I think that there's room for continued growth."

**3 Quack, quack:** Richard Sherman and Peyton Manning share a similar scouting report on the Denver quarterback's arm.

Sherman recently wrote in his regular column for MMQB.com that Manning is the NFL's smartest quarterback, but also criticized his arm. "His passes will be accurate and on time," the Seahawks cornerback said, "but he throws ducks." Asked about the "ducks" comment on Wednesday, Sherman reiterated that he still felt that way.

Manning took no offense to the comment and offered a clever quip Thursday.

"I believe it to be true," he said. "I do throw 'ducks.' I've thrown a lot of yards

and touchdown 'ducks.' I am actually quite proud of it."

When told of Manning's response, Sherman said: "I agree. That's exactly what I said."

**4 Look who's talking:** Waiting to see whether Seattle's elusive running back would talk — and for how long — was one of the main focal points this week.

Lynch took questions for about 7½ minutes during his last session before the Super Bowl, his longest such stretch this week. He talked for less than 7 minutes at both media day on Tuesday and the media session at the team hotel on Wednesday.

"It's going to be good to get back to football," Lynch said. "Real good."

Lynch limited his answers to football-related questions, and his teammates were supportive.

**5 Buyer beware:** Watch out, or you might get Super duper.

Authorities announced that during an eight-month operation, investigators seized more than \$21.6 million in knockoff souvenir football jerseys, caps and other merchandise, shut down illegal websites and made dozens of arrests in a crackdown on Super Bowl counterfeiters.

Anastasia Danias, an NFL senior vice president, said in a statement that the league and law enforcement "are working hard to prevent fans from being scammed by criminals seeking to profit from the public's passion for the NFL, their home teams and the Super Bowl."

AP Pro Football Writers Howard Fendrich and Barry Wilner, and AP Sports Writers Tim Booth and Rachel Cohen contributed to this report.

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# Captive audience

Mother, grandmother of Broncos WR Thomas will be watching Super Bowl on prison TV

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**D**emaryius Thomas' mother and grandmother will cheer for the Broncos receiver around the prison TV Sunday, both wearing No. 88 jerseys they crafted with strips of tape.

The two women have never seen Thomas play in person. He was 11 when police burst through the door of their home in Montrose, Ga., and arrested both on drug charges in 1999. Police allowed Katina Smith to walk her son and his two younger sisters to the school bus one last time.

Now she's at a minimum-security prison in Florida, sentenced to 20 years. Her mother, Minnie Pearl Thomas, who had two previous drug convictions, received two life sentences with the possibility for parole after 40 years.

Smith could have gotten a lighter sentence by testifying against her mother, but she refused.

They'll watch Thomas play in his first Super Bowl Sunday, when he will be matched against Seahawks star cornerback Richard Sherman for much of the game.

"I think that drives me more to know that they're there and they're watching me," Thomas said. "I try to go out there and play my best because they're going to talk about it to the people in the jailhouse."

Thomas' father was serving in the Army and stationed in Kuwait when his mother and grandmother were arrested. He went to live with an aunt and uncle, Shirley and James Brown, a Baptist minister who lived six miles away.

Thomas, called "Bay-Bay" by his family, started working as an usher at the church and attending Bible study after track and basketball practices.

"Once I moved in with him, I told him I wanted to do something to stay off the streets and stay out of trouble, so I tried football," Thomas said. "And it worked out for me."

Thomas played at Georgia Tech and was a first-round pick by Denver in 2010. Injuries slowed him down until his 80-yard catch from Tim Tebow in overtime beat Pittsburgh in the playoffs.

Two months later, Peyton Manning came to Denver and Thomas has flourished ever since, catching 204 passes for 3,089 yards and 27 touchdowns over the last two years.

Brown said it wasn't easy taking in another child with three kids of his own and just one paycheck, but he found ways to make it all work.

"The blessing has been just seeing the product of how we took this young man who was lost — well, trying to find his way — and we were able to nurture him and give him what he needed," said Brown, who will be in the stands Sunday. "When Demaryius was staying with us, I never dreamed that he would be in the Super Bowl. I just wanted to make sure the anger in him didn't send him down the wrong path like his mama and grandmama had gone down."

Peyton Manning has brought out the best in Thomas since joining Denver last season.

AP photo

## By the numbers

# 204

Receptions by Denver WR Demaryius Thomas since QB Peyton Manning joined the Broncos two seasons ago.

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Touchdown receptions by Thomas since joining forces with Manning. Thomas led all NFL receivers with 14 touchdowns this season.

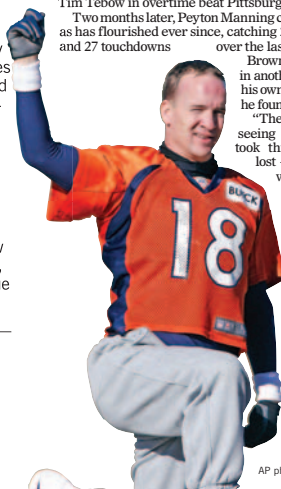
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Yards the 6-foot-3, 230-pound Thomas can throw a football from his knees, according to CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

Denver Broncos wide receiver Demaryius Thomas overcame seeing his mother and grandmother jailed on drug charges when he was 11 to forge his own path, one which ultimately led him to the NFL and, now, the Super Bowl. Thomas' mother, sentenced to 20 years, and grandmother, who is serving two life sentences, will watch him play in Super Bowl XLVIII on Sunday from their Florida prison.

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**SUPER BOWL**

# Going deep

## Seattle's success partly due to depth

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**R** JERSEY CITY, N.J. ichard Sherman, Russell Wilson and Marshawn Lynch deservedly draw the attention for what they've done in getting the Seattle Seahawks to the Super Bowl.

Players like Jermaine Kearse, Walter Thurmond and Malcolm Smith are just as big a reason why Seattle is facing Denver in

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Sunday's championship game.

Seattle may have one of the better starting lineups in the NFL, but the depth that

general manager John Schneider and coach Pete Carroll have amassed is equally impressive. It's the reason they can rotate eight defensive linemen. It's why when Brandon Browner was injured and Thurmond suspended, Byron Maxwell could step in and the play in Seattle's secondary not suffer.

It's a regular refrain in the Seattle locker room to hear teammates say the Seahawks

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**Wide receiver Jermaine Kearse, above, is just one of the reasons the Seahawks are considered one of the deepest teams talent-wise in the NFL.**

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